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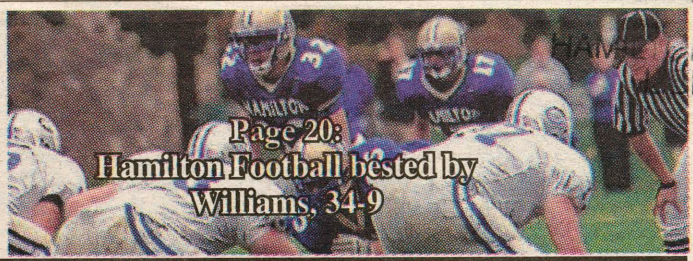

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Students march down Broadway to protest the war in Iraq.

Students March for Peace in NYC

by Mallory Reed '10
News Writer

On October 27, Hamilton students marched in the driving rain through the streets of New York City as part of a nation-wide rally for peace. Calling for an end to US occupation in Iraq, Hamilton found solidarity among over 45,000 protestors in New York City and thousands more in 11 major U.S cities. As Hamilton arrived early to the march and took the helm of the student contingency, all student protestors marched behind the Hamilton banner and Andrew Pape '10 used his megaphone to lead call-and-response chants.

Pape, Gillian Smith '09, and Corinne Bancroft '10 organized the trip to the New York City protest, which was part of a Day of Action initiated by United

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Campus Rallies Behind ELS Building Renovation Proposal

by Meredith Kennedy '09
News Writer

Hamilton College is appealing from both the inside and out. While the scenic campus fosters a vibrant, comfortable place for students to live and learn, many believe there is one thing missing that would draw our community even closer together—a student union. Over the past few years, as many construction projects have been planned and successfully executed, both administrators and students have discussed the need for a central meeting place that acts as an integral part of Hamilton's educational environment.

Recent proposals have identified Emerson Hall, also known as ELS, as an appropriate place for a student union due to its central location and ability to draw more life to the center of campus. According to Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, the idea for renovating Emerson Hall as a space for student organizations and activities has been on the table since President Gene Tobin proposed it in 2000.

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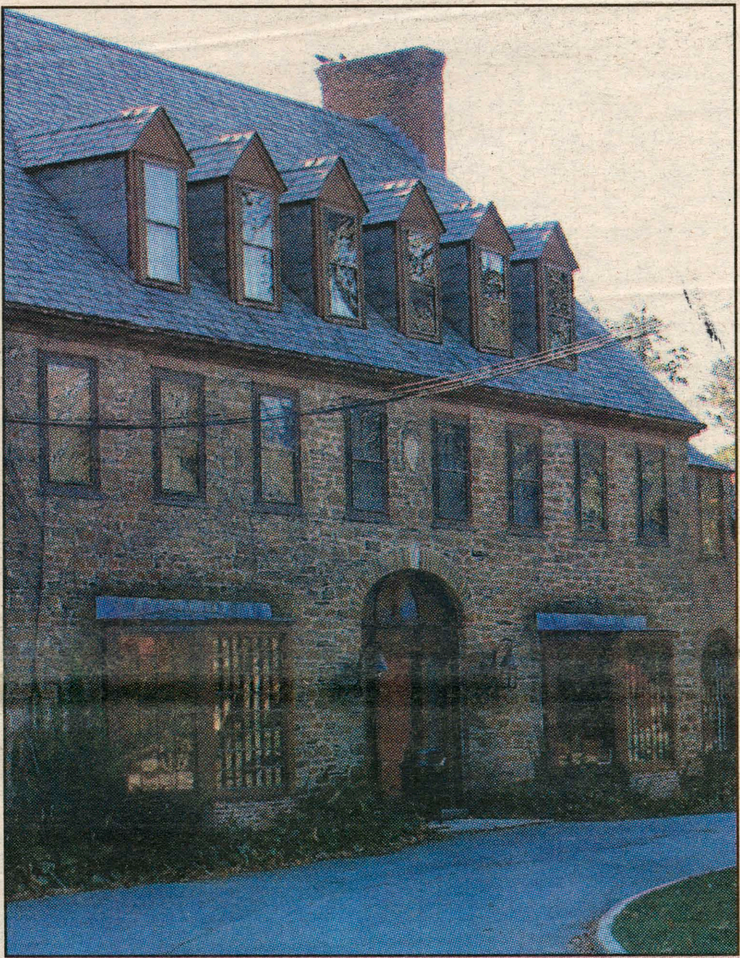

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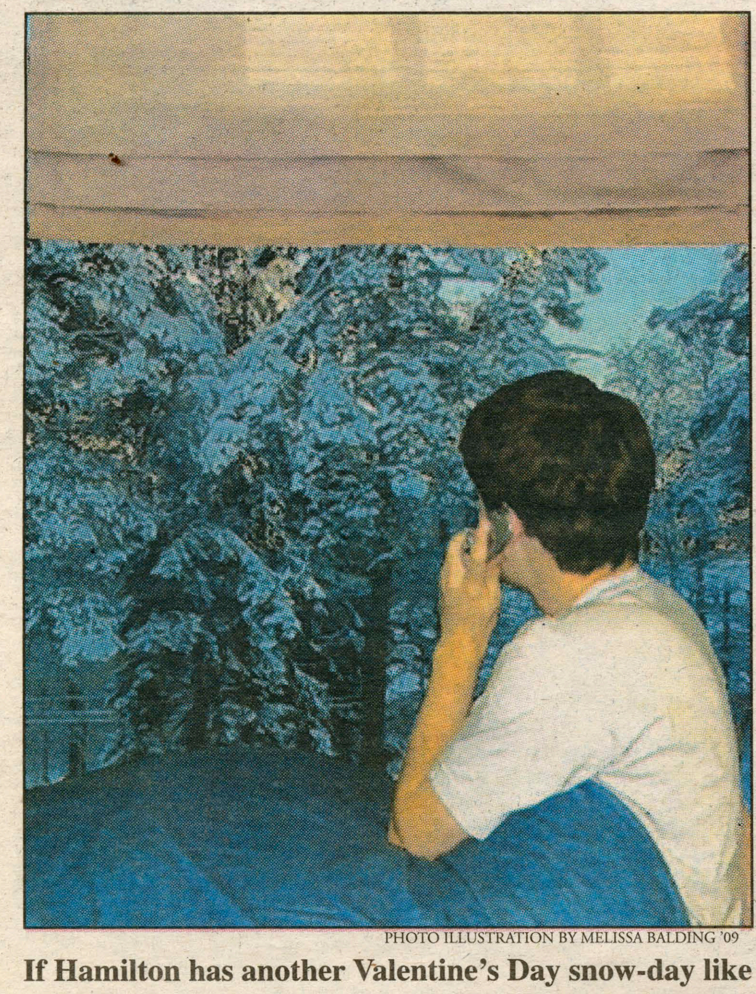
Emerson Hall (ELS) has been neglected and the top two floors have been closed off due to extensive disrepair.

Emergency System Test Yields Positive Results



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If Hamilton has another Valentine's Day snow-day like in 2007, the campus will be notified by cell phone.

by Bessie Taliaferro '10
News Writer

On Monday, October 29, Hamilton College sent 1,200 text messages, roughly 2,500 e-mails, and made 3,291 phone calls to test the new Emergency response system. Only 171 of the phone calls were unsuccessful, which is stunning when compared to the 1,334 unsuccessful calls made during the test on September 20.

The college selected the new system, called Connect-ED, because it is user friendly and has strong positive customer response. "We're very pleased with the service we've received from them to date," said Executive Assistant to the President Meredith Harper Bonham. "We are adopting the system because it's become clear we need better ways to communicate in the event of a crisis. This became apparent after the Virginia Tech tragedy, especially since our campus is so diffuse."

The system is designed to allow Hamilton's admistrators to dispatch messages at a moment's notice. Several of the administrators are given a username and a password to a website, on which they can input an e-mail message, a text message, and record a message. Although text messages are a very accessible mode of communication, the number of characters in a text messages is limited. Because of this, voice-mails and e-mails are essential. The system will also be used in the event of campus closings, such as last year's Valentine's Day snow day.

It took months to get the necessary data to effectively test the system. For the first test, Connect-ED called students on their dorm room phones, which was time-consuming and ineffective because many students do not use the telephones in their rooms. The recent test removed all of the student phones except for the RAs. Initially 1,800 land lines were called, now only a couple hundred are. "This is a huge reason why the second test worked so much better," said Harper Bonham.

Within hours of the test, the administration received a full report on what happened to every phone contacted, including whether the phone ignored the call, was answered, or was an invalid number. This allows the administration to clean up the data. The reach of the system is dependant on whether or not students give their contact information.

"We're very pleased with the number of numbers we've collected," said Harper Bonham. "Three fourths of the students have given us their cell phone numbers. When we speak to other campuses, they're pleased to have half." She added, "We will continue to collect them. Students may be nervous that we will use the information for non-emergency purposes, but this is certainly not the case."

In addition to high-tech communication, the administration is also looking into simpler means of reaching every person on campus. These include campus safety posting notices on doors, notifying building coordinators, and RAs knocking on doors. "The Connect-Ed system is not a cure-all to communicate effectively with everyone on campus. In the event of an emergency we would use every means at our disposal," said Harper Bonham.

Democracy Matters Organization Holding Month of November Voter Engagement Drive

by Andy Steele '10
News Contributor

Throughout November, the campus chapter of Democracy Matters is holding a voter engagement drive. The student group will set up voter registration tables, sponsor a faculty panel on the 2008 election, and organize phone banks to US Representatives and Senators.

"We're excited to register as many new voters as possible, but we want to emphasize that participation requires more than voting," said President of Democracy Matters Kevin Rowe. He added, "we're calling it a voter engagement drive because we hope to both register students and to encourage active participation in politics."

Collaborating with the College Democrats and the College Republicans, Democracy Matters will set up voter registration tables outside of the Mail Center in the Beinecke Student Activities Village on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. throughout the month of November.

"In our voter behavior poll, we found that nearly two thirds of students who responded that they're not registered to vote said that they either didn't know how to register or didn't have time," Cristina Garafola '11 said. She explained, "That's why we're making our voter registration table easy, fast, and convenient—all you need is your driver's license or a form of I.D., and we supply the rest."

In addition to registering voters, the group will help newly or already-registered students get absentee ballots, virtual ballots, and other resources to make informed choices on Election Day.

In anticipation of the voter engagement drive, Democracy Matters commissioned a survey of the student body on voting behavior. Of over 500 students who took the survey, 73 percent said they are registered to vote in the United States.

"We realize that the results likely do not accurately represent the student body as a whole, but we're encouraged about the number of responses and the feedback about why students aren't registered to vote," Kye Lippold '10 said. "The poll confirmed for us that there are a lot of students who aren't registered to vote but wish to be."

During the week of November 12, Democracy Matters will hold a Week of Action to raise awareness and support for the Fair Elections Now Act, a bill in the US House of Representatives and Senate that proposes voluntary publicly financed elections for all congressional elections.

Rowe said, "we're holding mobile phone banks to call our US Representatives and Senators to rally support for Clean Elections." He added, "The prospect of Clean Money Elections is exciting to us because it will facilitate a better debate on how to solve the issues we care about, like global warming, the war in Iraq, student loans and education, health care, and poverty."

The group is also planning a faculty panel discussion scheduled for November 19 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel on the implications of the 2008 election for various political issues, including climate change and the environment, poverty and social issues, and foreign policy in the Middle East.

Democracy Matters is a national, non-profit, non-partisan organization on over 70 campuses nationwide seeking to engage student voters in the political process and to advocate for clean money elections. For more information you can contact dmatters@hamilton.edu.

RESULTS: The Democracy Matters Student Voter Behavior Poll

The Democracy Matters Student Voter Behavior Poll was available to students online for three weeks in October. The poll was anonymous; participants were eligible to win $25 for participating.

1. What is your gender?

	# of Respondents	Percent
Female	318	63.10%
Male	184	36.51%
No Response	2	0.40%

2. What is your expected year of graduation?

2008	130	25.79%
2009	109	21.63%
2010	128	25.40%
2011	136	26.98%
Other	1	0.20%

3. What is your home state? (If you are an international student please indicate your home country)

NY	150	29.76%
MA	75	14.88%
CT	43	8.53%
NJ	35	6.94%
PA	26	5.16%
36 other states	155	30.75%
16 other countries	20	3.97%

4. What is your concentration or intended concentration? (Write undecided if you do not know.)

Undecided	86	17.06%
Government or World Politics	47	9.33%
Economics	39	7.74%
Psychology	35	6.94%
Biology	28	5.56%
37 Other Concentrations	269	53.37%

5. Are you registered to vote in the United States?

No.	134	26.59%
Yes.	370	73.41%

6. If you are registered to vote in the United States where are you registered?

Home/permanent address	357	96.49%
Hamilton College (Town of Kirkland)	8	2.16%
Other	5	1.35%

7. If you are not registered to vote in the United States why are you not registered?

Not Eligible (Under 18, not a US Citizen, or Other)	27	20.15%
Not interested in politics	7	5.22%
Don't know how to begin registration process	34	25.37%
Have not had the time.	46	34.33%
Other	20	14.93%

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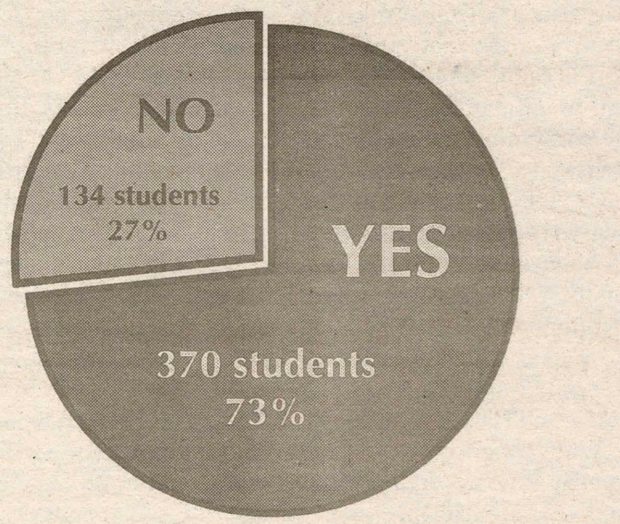
Democracy Matters Student Voter Behavior Poll Results



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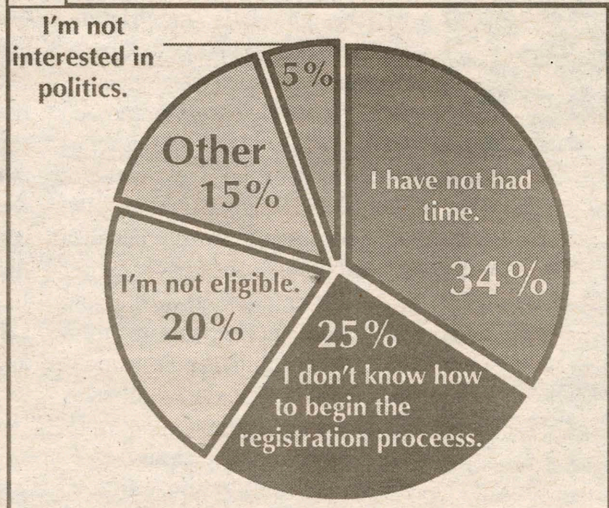

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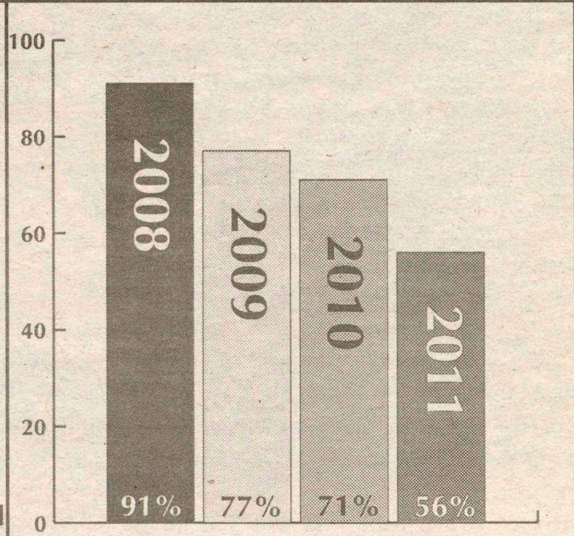

Percentage of Registered Respondents by Class

Students Attend NYC Peace Rally

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and Justice, a coalition of 1,400 organizations dedicated to peace. Student Assembly funded a yellow-bus full of Hamilton Students, which left campus at 6 a.m. and returned around midnight on Saturday. Bancroft said that although students initially complained about the early departure and slept most of the way to the city, "Once we were in New York, it was suddenly really exciting and there was no other place we wanted to be."

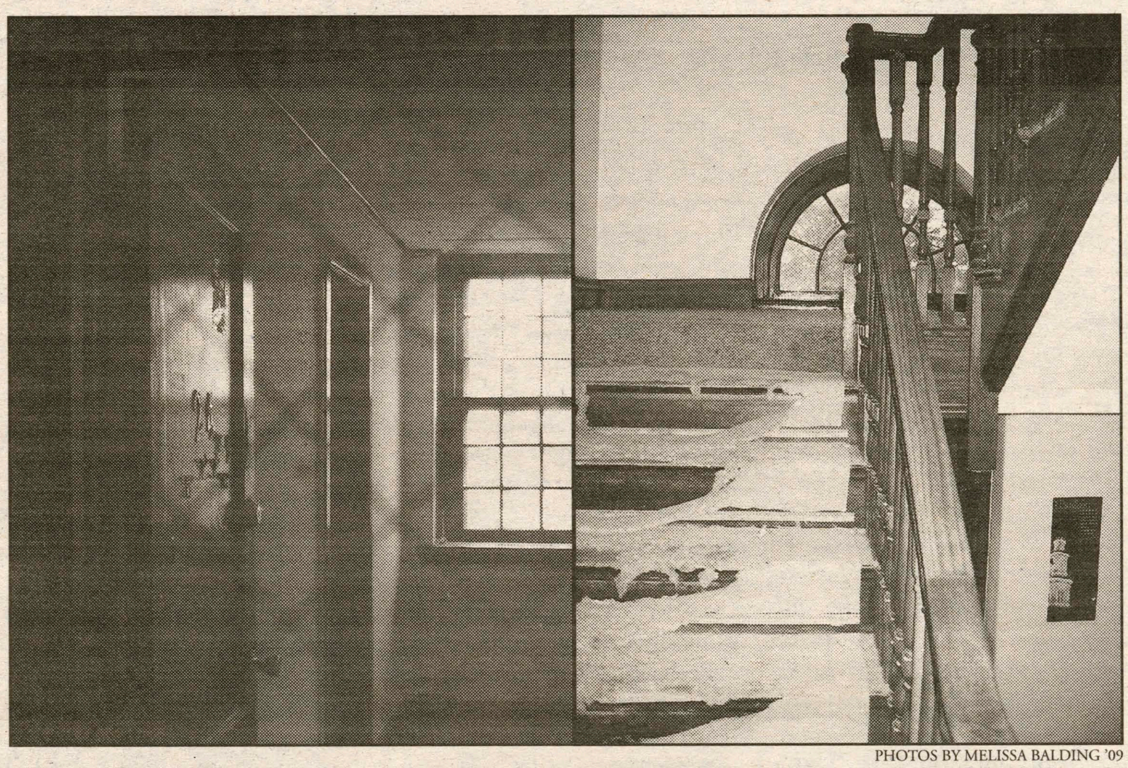
Hamilton led student marchers as they followed veterans from the Vietnam and Iraq wars, families of soldiers deployed to Iraq, and unionists. Bancroft said that it was impossible to see the front or the back of the mass of people from her position in the march. Gail Corneau '10 said, "For me, turning around and seeing a street completely filled with signs showed the incredible support, energy and enthusiasm of all the people at the march." She added, "Being a part of that wave of energy made me feel like I could do something to stop the war."

Many students who attended the march identified with Corneau's feelings of empowerment. Devin Farkas '10 said, "It was incredibly fulfilling to be acting on my feelings that there is something wrong in this country." He added, "It felt amazing to be dripping wet, marching through New York City, and yelling at the top of my lungs among so many people." The rain only added to the intensity of the day as Bancroft said that marchers rejected hoods and umbrellas to show that not even the rain could bring them down. Pape molded his chanting to fit the weather and he led all students in chants of "Let it rain, let it pour. The students are going to stop this war!"

After two jitneys of Hamilton students and professors attended a peace rally in Syracuse earlier in the month, the goal of October 27 was to mobilize a larger group to attend the national rally in New York. According to Pape, "Physical presense is the best way to really show that Hamilton is not apathetic." Pape said that while many students attend Hamilton to get a "good education," an education outside the classroom is equally important. He said, "While being able to express your views in an essay is important, it's more important to express your voice in a way that can be heard by the world and not just by your professor or within a class."

Bancroft echoed Pape when she said that Hamilton's trip to the rally created a successful forum for students to make their voices and opinions heard. She said that while some students might be initially hesitant to voice their beliefs, students who attended the rally realized that they were "speaking so much louder than if they were speaking alone, and this is incredibly empowering."

Corneau said that the New York rally was the first time she actively showed her beliefs about the war and was "overwhelmed by the positive energy and feelings of unity with other protestors." Like Corneau, many students said they would like to see more oportunities for activism at Hamilton. For more information about October's national peace rally visit www.oct27.org



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The second and third floor space in ELS is unusable, which raises the question: Why?

Student Union in ELS Might Improve Hamilton Campus

*From **ELS**, page 1*

Since then, plans have been made about how to best support and improve student life. While Beinecke is a great landmark of Hamilton and houses the Mail Center, Events Barn, and Diner, it lacks the informal meeting space found in other college student unions. Converting Emerson Hall into a student union, which would be located conveniently along Martin's Way, would be a great way to enhance a sense of community. According to Student Assembly President Stuart Lombardi '09, "ELS is the perfect location for a student union—it's in the middle of campus, students pass it daily, and it needs renovation anyway."

Renovations of ELS are necessary at this point as the top two floors are closed and the roof has holes in it. Dean Thompson explains that the proposed renovation would create "attractive meeting and lounge spaces on the first floor, offices for student activities staff and student media on the second floor, and shared space for all student organizations on the third floor." The basement, which currently functions as a social space for student events, would also be revamped.

Many people also believe that moving the College Store from Bristol to Emerson Hall would be beneficial, as the average student does not regularly pass by the Bristol Center. While many components of student social life exist in Bristol, such as the WHCL Radio Station, it is inconveniently located away from the center of campus and does not provide sufficient space for organizations. The proposed student union built in and around the Emerson building would bring student activities to the center of campus life.

While this proposal is very promising for the future of Hamilton, it is still in the planning stages. According to Dean Thompson, there are still many questions to discuss, such as "What is the best way to make use of Bristol?" and "Are there ways to celebrate diversity as a community through this project?" As the planning process continues, both Student Assembly and Dean Thompson welcome any feedback or ideas students have about the Emerson Hall renovation project.

Halloween Scares Out the Best at Hamilton

by Kara Labs '09
News Writer

As the colder weather sets in, the Hamilton community keeps busy by celebrating Halloween. Hogwarts at Hamilton had a successful weekend as it provided a place for local children and college students to explore their inner Harry Potter obsession. WHCL and the X-Viper Hour Old Time Radio Show performed Dracula at Opus 1 to an attentive audience. Trust Treat had another successful year with about 100 inner city Utica children in participation. Also on Monday in Root Hall there were mysterious and creepy tales of Hamilton horror.

On Friday October 26 and Saturday October 27, the ELS building on campus was magically turned into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry from the Harry Potter series. In the early evening many eager children waited outside to gain entrance to the castle for an hour long tour. Later in the night, college students displayed their affection for the Harry Potter world.

On both nights there was no 9 o'clock tour, because of the lack of people probably due mostly to the rain. Otherwise it was very successful. They raised approximately $260 for the Children's reading room at the Clinton town library, through donations from students and locals who attended.

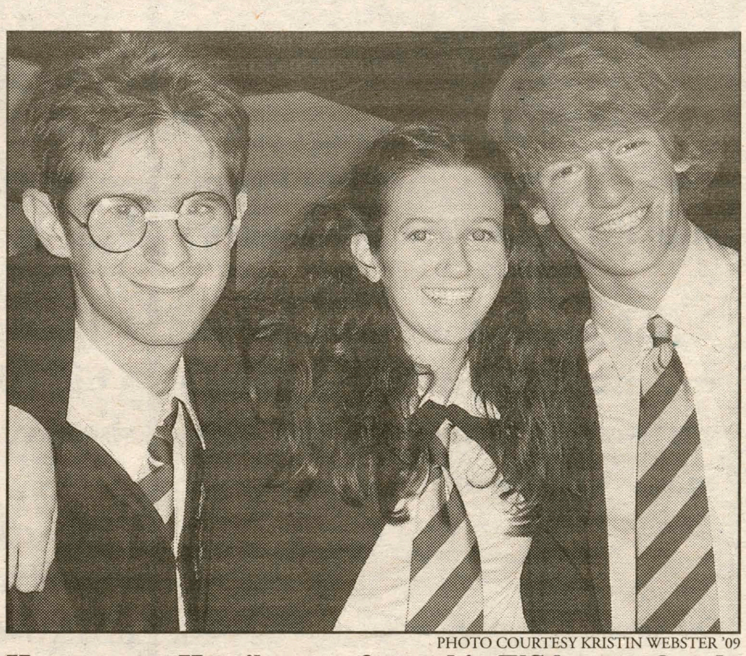
In Root Hall on Monday, October 29, students from the intermediate fiction class had a roundtable reading of stories they recently wrote about horror on the Hamilton campus. Approximately fifty people were in attendance to hear these frightening tales in the intimate setting on the fourth floor of Root Hall.

The stories were eerie as the audience could follow characters on their journeys around campus. The story-tellers were successful in conjuring vivid images that stuck in students' minds on their walks back to their dorms.

In the comfort of Café Opus I on Tuesday, October 30, students and faculty performers, put on a live presentation of Dracula. This performance was recorded by X-Viper hour and will be heard on Sunday, November 4 at 2:00. Tune in to hear this Orson Wells radio classic adaptation of Bram Stoker's novel.

Lastly, on Halloween night, about one hundred children from inner city Utica, visited Hamilton in order to tick-or-treat in a safe environment. This is an annual event, so named Trust Treat after Eric Trust, a student in the class of '92 who died as a freshman on Halloween. He is so remembered for his openness and concern for others.

This event was established by the class of '92 and is coordinated by the Newman Council. In all, this year, there were 39 stops including a few haunted houses. The ELS building was tuned into a haunted house this year by HAVOC. After the children finished traipsing all over campus, the volunteers, coordinators, and children reconvened in the hub for cider and donuts. Overall, it was another very successful experience for the children, the coordinators, and volunteers.



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Hogwarts at Hamilton performed in EIS last weekend. (From left to right) Brandon Lemos '09 played Harry Potter, Fiona MacQuarrie '09 was Hermoine Granger, and Jeff Chandler '11 acted as Ronald Weasley.

Common Ground: Interview with Bob Beckel

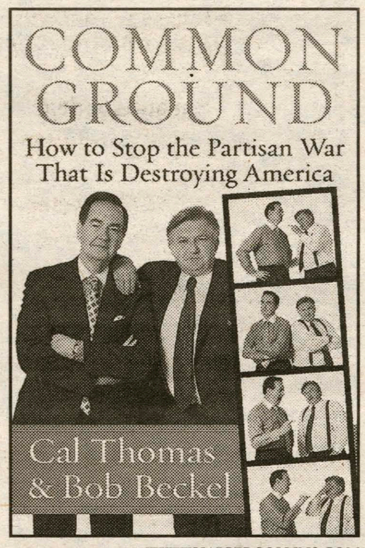
by Eric Kuhn '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Liberal Bob Beckel and conservative Cal Thomas have come together to write "Common Ground: How to Stop the Partisan War that is Destroying America." A regular guest on a variety of news programs, Beckel was assistant Secretary of State under the Carter Administration and Walter Mondale's campaign manager during the 1984 presidential campaign. I spoke with this political guru about "Common Ground" and how he hopes it will affect the 2008 elections.

Your new book is "Common Ground." What inspired you to write this book?

I was going through a difficult period, with some personal matters, and I knew Cal Thomas (who is a complete right-winger; he cannot help himself), but not terribly well. One day I was in the green room at Fox, because he and I are both Fox News contributors (I am one of the few liberals on Fox), and he said, "What's wrong?" Long story short, he talked to me for four hours and we cemented a friendship. We had spent years, prior to that, both of us, contributing to polarization. From the time I hit Washington, I was so involved in the middle of the ring every place I could from the left, and Cal, of course, doing it from the right. We were sitting there talking, watching a couple people on TV in the typical crossfire format screaming at one another, and we started to say, "this is getting out of hand now. Nobody is saying anything, all they are doing is screaming at each other." So one thing led to another and we had long talks and decided we were in the best position, since we were both polarizers, to write a book about common ground. Because he and I, whatever the topic was, could always find something to agree on. And if we could not find something, then we would at least disagree agreeably and come back to the table to talk about other things. People don't even talk to each other anymore!

That led to the two of us talking about it a little more and then approaching *USA Today* about a column, who took to it right away. When we first announced it (three years ago) there were a lot of pundits who said, "Nah, come on, no one is buying that." But it just exploded, and people wrote in and thanked *USA Today*. So that is how it started, and then we went out on a speaking tour talking about common ground and every place we went people had a remarkable response to it. There were a few people who said "is this really doable or are we being naïve here?" I pointed out to them I had done one hundred ninety campaigns in my life



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Continuing last week's interview, Kuhn sat down with author Bob Beckel.

and the idea of common ground is not naïve at all, it is good politics, and that is what people are missing.

You write about "Common Ground Governing." Can you define that term?

"Common Ground" is not a set of issues. It is not about splitting the difference and sitting around singing Kumbaya. "Common Ground" is a process about campaigning against polarization and for governing. On the governing side, we put in the book a set of principles. The principles are: one, you agree there is a problem (that is usually easy to do). You agree on some goals you want to reach (you can generally get that done). You can try to include a little orthodoxy of both parties (you are not going to walk away weighted heavy on one side). And the fourth point is you get rid of old ideas on the table and take advantage of new ideas that are out there for old problems (because that way you don't have something that has already been rejected). There are a hell of a lot of ideas out there, the problem is that they have not been adopted or paid attention to.

Which 2008 candidate best follows "Common Ground Governing?"

Barack Obama. We actually had a rating system that we put in and Obama rated pretty high. Interestingly enough, actually, this was when Newt Gingrich was thinking about getting in, we rated Gingrich fairly high. Although we blast him in the book, for really being the Godfather of polarization, he really has turned into a guy who really understands it now. He actually got together with Hillary Clinton on a health care piece of legislation. I put at the bottom of the list John Edwards. I love Edwards, but he is the least likely guy to sit down at a table with Republicans to work things out.

You wrote it with a conservative Cal Thomas. How did that work out for you?

Well, we worked together a lot on the column, and we argued a lot about a lot of things, and I think in two places in the book we said we could not agree and said "This is from Cal because Bob can't agree" and "This is from Bob because Cal can't agree." But for the most part, what we did was laid out out where we are now and named names, we named polarizers. We made the point that for the last 20 years ago this government has been paralyzed because of polarization and it is being controlled by a very small percentage of people who are polarizers. Then we go back in the history of it. It started really back in the '60s and it blew up in the late '80s and has been going on for 20 years. So we named names, including ourselves, and then we went into recent history

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Thumbs up

- Heaven and Hell Party: Apparently the afterlife is ruled by drunken, face-sucking freshman. Just as I suspected.

- HAVOC sponsors the Kid-lympics: I go to Hamilton and you're from Utica, I win.

- STAND Anti-genocide Coalition: I'd like to join, but I'm not sure if I agree with the message.

- Halloween: Your costume is an easy freshmen girl? And your costume is a sleazy upper-classman? How ironic.

Disclaimer: The joke from last week regarding ethnic events was in no way an endorsement of the apathetic attitude characteristic of many Hamilton students towards ethnic events, but rather an indictment of this attitude. We apologize if our intent was miscontrued.

Thumbs down

- Whoever decided to put "New York Minute" on the movie channel.

- Ven diagrams: There is NEVER enough room in the middle.

- People who are too cheap to give to the Senior Gift. I'm sure Mommy and Daddy can afford to plant a tree and buy some Al Gore-style light bulbs.

- Pink to drink, black to mack, and a big middle finger on my shirt to show you how I really feel.

- Trust Treat: When it comes to adults with candy, a little bit of mistrust is a good thing.

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Sarah Cornblath '08

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- *The Continental* and everything it stands for... horses, tweed, relationships, and white people.

- *The Continental*'s fashion advice: Your style is vintage pieces paired with $300 jeans. Well mine is straight hood. And I look better.

- *The Continental*: I didn't know you could laminate st.**

- *The Continental*: Now that I ordered that horse from J. Crew, I can finally fit in on campus.

- *The Continental* is racist.

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On Wednesday October 30 at approximately 9:45 in the morning the fire alarms went off in Root Hall. I was in a class on the third floor. When my classmates and I heard the alarm, we listened for a minute or two, and came to the consensus that the weak ringing was from some sort of power tool. Naturally we passed it off as just more construction at Hamilton College. But when my professor paused her lecture and opened the door to check in the hallway, she saw students and faculty descending the staircase and waved us out of the room.

Good thing the alarms were for a drill and not an actual fire. It took well over five minutes for the entire mass of people merging from the third and second floor classrooms to descend the two flights of stairs. As the alarms buzzed weakly, the noise barely hindered conversation as we pushed our way towards the door.

Once everyone from Root was gathered outside, students and professors expressed fear and outrage over what seems like a blatant fire safety violation. Many wondered how one narrow flight of wooden stairs in an old building full of large wood doors, wood floors, and wood trim could possibly pass safety inspection.

As we filled back into the building after a few minutes of waiting outside, I commented to a classmate, "Oh my gosh, if that was a real fire I would be dead!" Many people around me agreed with this sentiment. Although I felt the usual post-drill sense of relief because it was not an actual fire, my relief was mixed with a nagging fear of what might have happened had it been real. Who knows what could happen tomorrow? It might be morbid, but its true- disaster often strikes when you least expect it and you always have to be prepared. This week Hamilton got a real Halloween scare- Root Hall is not prepared for fire at all.

by Mallory Reed '10

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A Campus Full of Strangers

by Halley Allaire '08
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This is a story, in parts and in lies. Part of what will be told is as things have happened, to me or others. But most is either how I remember it or how I want to remember it. It's hard to tell the difference most of the time. But reader, it's all honest.

Thank *God* Thanksgiving is almost here! I can't stand another uninterrupted week of awkwardness between me and all these guys who have been floating around my life. Every time I go to an intramural soccer game, one or the other of my "friends" is around. My roommates can't stop teasing me about it: "Who you got your eye on this week, huh? Save some for the rest of us!" Well, actually that's the one roommate. The other clearly thinks I'm going to become a nuisance soon.

On top of all this, what started out as a silent battle between roommates has become a silent war. Who is this person I live with? Weren't we friends? It's as if all the little things have just added up to make living there hell. I don't want to share my food, my clothes, my gossip anymore. And the thing is, I really just need a friend right now. But I can't trust any of these strangers.

It's been a hell of a first semester. At first I seemed to have so many friends. I felt popular and attractive. None of what I just said really matters. I can't even keep my mind on all those petty things. It all came crashing down last night. There was an off-campus party.

It was so ordinary, at first. All the girls were wearing t-shirts, sandals, too much make-up, freezing. I danced with my friends, I drank with them, and I fought my way onto one of the last buses back to campus. It would have all been so ordinary, if the night had just ended there. It almost did. I was almost home. I was opening the door to my dorm.

It's hard for me to understand what happened. I don't even have anyone to talk to about it. Suddenly it's as if my life is devoid of friends. I don't know anyone here that well. My friends at home… how can I tell them? But this guy came up to me. I was going home, I was being good. So where does someone I don't even know get the right?

To come up to me. To know my name when I don't know his. To follow me inside my dorm. I don't know him. I didn't invite him. Did I do something that made it seem I had invited him? I don't even know what happened. Just that suddenly I was up against a wall and somehow he was there, trying to… And I'd been drinking so it's my fault, and I couldn't think fast enough to realize what was happening.

I must have given him some signal. Right? Because guys don't just follow girls into their dorms like that. They don't just touch you like that. Not here. Not me. I think it's my fault. I've been playing around with all these guys. I guess I became one of those girls? I guess I invited this. This is what happens to the girls like me. How could I be so stupid? I used to know better.

I used to be a good person. Before, this stranger wouldn't have come up to me and thought he could push me against a wall. Before, I would have been able to push him off. Because before, I didn't drink like this, and stay out all night. I didn't. I used to *think*.

I don't have anyone I can tell. I'm almost glad. What would they think of me if I told them? "Guess he's who you had your eye on this week, huh?" I had to use that stupid class booklet of pictures they gave us to even learn his name.

I just want to go home. I want to see my family, who still thinks I'm good. Even if it's not true. I need to look at someone who wouldn't believe I could ever be that girl. That statistic.

Overheard at Hamilton

"That's not even a sentence!"
- Sophomore female reading *The Continental*

"So this is super-sexist, but..."
- Student making a comment in class

"There's one true faith and it's not in Bundy!"
- Junior in Darkside quad

Person 1: "Maybe I'll be a mid-wife."
Person 2: "Why don't you be a gyno? They make more money."
Person 1: "Because I don't want to look at vaginas."
Person 2: "But babies are born out of vaginas."
Person 1: "Yeah, but not old ones."

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Beckel: Less Polarizing, More Governing

*from **Common Ground**, page 4*

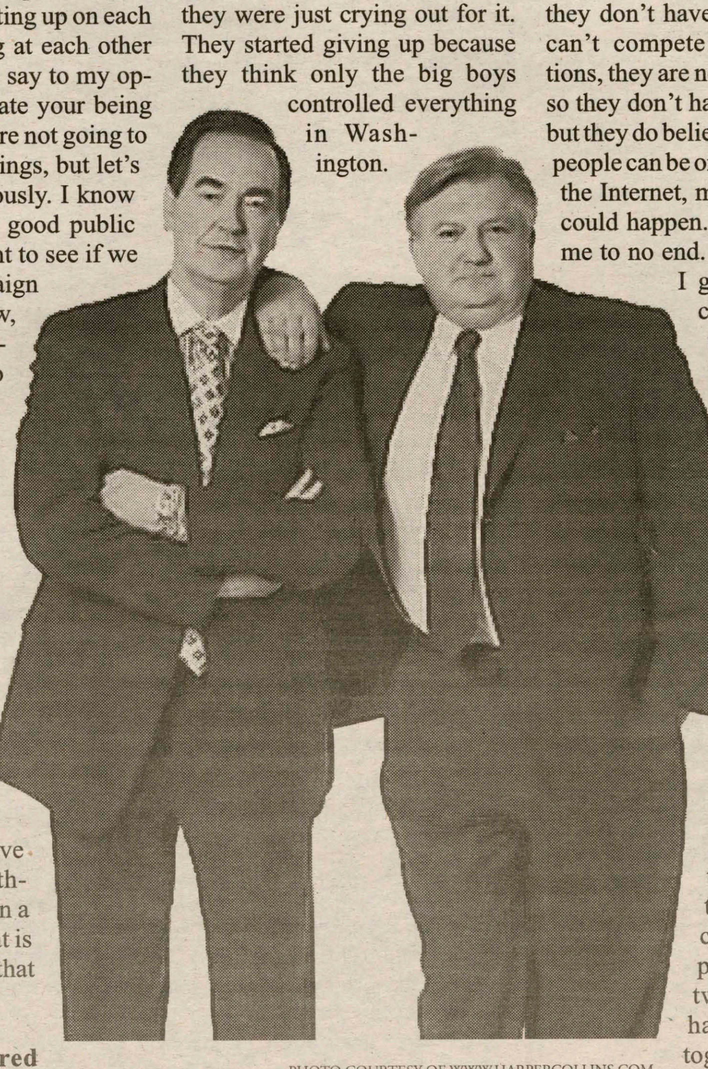
Bush and Clinton, both being the most polarizing presidents. Then the heart of the book is really a common ground campaign. How do you win on common ground? What is common ground politically? Because people have this idea of the base enhancing strategy that both sides have been using: here is how we win, we increase our base a little bit more than they increase theirs.

All that does is contribute to polarization. There are millions of people out there who have left the voting base out there, because of polarization. Our point is that you appeal on a common ground campaign against polarization. But this is key, campaigning on a theme of common ground is not leaving your principles behind. In fact, it makes no sense to campaign on common ground if you are trying to hedge your differences. If you run from the left, you run with a certain set of principles or else you would not be the candidate, and if you run from the right, it would be the same thing.

Let me give you a good example we put in the book. Normally, in presidential campaign debates you get a two or three minute opening and use it to make a cause for yourself and beat up on your opponent. We suggest that instead of doing that, you open up the debate by saying: "Running for president is an honor; it is tough and in recent years we have gotten to the point where we have been beating up on each other and striking at each other and I just want to say to my opponent: I appreciate your being here tonight, we are not going to agree on many things, but let's try to do it graciously. I know you have been a good public servant, but I want to see if we can run this campaign that way." Now, campaign consultants will drop to the ground with a heart attack if they heard that. But what they miss is they have only grown up in a polarizing campaign. By saying something like that the viewing audience will say "man, that is refreshing. That is interesting." What do you have to loose!? Nothing. And you gain a whole lot! So that is one of the things that we talk about.

Are you inspired moving toward the future?

Oh, yeah. First what inspired me is we did a lot of focus groups around the country, and just talked to average citizens. It was like they were just crying out for it. They started giving up because they think only the big boys controlled everything in Washington.



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The one thing that gives them some hope, by the way, is the Internet. It is the one thing that they see to overtake the polarizers. It is their only hope because they don't have the money and can't compete with contributions, they are not in Washington so they don't have the presence, but they do believe that if enough people can be organized through the Internet, maybe something could happen. That energized me to no end. And then when I got to the politicians and talked to them, we realized they were captors of their own making. They used to like to have friendships with guys on the other side of the aisle. But now if you make friends with somebody on the other side of the isle, you are penalized for it. Some of the best legislation in history has come from the bipartisan work of two people who have played golf together or went to dinner together. The big advances of Social Security in the 1980s came from Dan Rostenkowski, a partisan Democrat from Chicago and Bob Michael who was the Republican minority leader. Why? Because they used to drive every Friday – together – back to Chicago for nine hours and then drive back Monday morning. They were friends and so when it came time to work out a deal, they could deal. In this climate, there are so few friends around between parties that you can't sit down and cut a deal. That is the problem.

So the final inspiring word from Bob Beckel is play golf!

Exactly right – play golf. And if you are a Democrat, play with a Republican and visa-versa. Take one to dinner and pick up the tab. You know the other thing about polarizers? They are a bunch of bullies – I know because we were one – "You try to cut a deal, we are going to kill you." They are like schoolyard bullies. We say in the book that Washington is like the Emerald City in the Wizard of Oz. They make a lot of smoke, a lot of noise, they try to scare people, but our purpose in the book is to pull back the curtain and show you how small the wizard is. That is the best metaphor for this book: that these people are full of sh**!

Look for "Common Ground," out now.

An Open Letter: Theft on Campus

by Jack Prior '08
Insights & Ideas Contributor

Dear Hamilton:

On Wednesday night at 10:30 p.m., in the well lit, populated area of the second floor of the library, I stepped away from my laptop for a whopping total of five minutes. In that span of time my laptop was ripped from the outlet on the wall and stolen. More shocking than the fact that no one noticed this event is the fact that this is not a rare occurrence.

As a Senior Admissions Intern, I interview applicants everyday. I have been asked many times if I felt Hamilton was a safe place. Until now, I would usually laugh at these questions because the very idea of Hamilton being unsafe is ridiculous. Who is laughing now? When I met with a person at the Dean of Students office, he agreed that theft is a problem on campus. However, are there really any solutions? Sure, I would have liked more help than what I received when I told the two workers at the library what happened. Sure, I would love for cameras to be put up in the library so we can see the power of "Big Brother." But at the end of the day, these changes probably won't happen, and people at Hamilton will continue to live under the false impression of feeling secure on this campus.

I have been at Hamilton for almost three and a half years now and I have come to accept many things. Drunken people break things. People love to steal stupid road signs. I have looked away from these problems and started accepting them as part of life at Hamilton. However, this is not acceptable. If you look at publications such as the *Daily Bull* you will see statements everyday made by students who say that their iPod or bicycle has been stolen. However, what is being done to stop these problems?

Here is the solution to all our problems. When you go to the bathroom in the library, pack up all your books, laptops, and other odds and ends, and carry them with you. Nothing says comfort like peeing with your backpack on. Tomorrow, when you go to the gym, not only lock, but also double lock your ID and wallet in one of the lockers. If you leave your room for even a second to pick up laundry downstairs, lock up your room. If you leave your car running anywhere at anytime, even for a second…think twice. Sounds great, right?

I have told applicant after applicant that Hamilton is like a "family," and we really have a sense of "community" on campus. Not so fast. Last time I checked, my sister isn't stealing $1800 from me. So let's scratch out that whole "family" idea. It seems that Hamilton really is beginning to model itself after a community. I mean we already have the criminals. The only thing this community lacks is some sort of justice.

Currently, I have major problems with the Hamilton "community." Hamilton is supposed to be the place that students go to so they can receive close attention and really get to know everyone on campus. I don't ever remember theft and disrespect being part of this deal. Hamilton is known for its alleged "Honor Code," since we have such respectable and responsible students. Come on now. Whether it is drug use, cheating, violence, vandalism, discrimination, theft, or overall discourtesy, Hamilton has it all. In fact, the first question the Kirkland Police Officer asked me was, "Did you maybe lose the laptop because you have an exam tomorrow?" Apparently, according to the officer, a new trend is for students to report laptops stolen so they have an excuse to have an extension on an exam. I guess we all should be honored to go here.

I am unbelievably angry that something so rude and inconsiderate could have happened to me. However, there is more to this problem. I argue that the administration is not doing enough to combat this issue. Sure, an article here and there in the Spectator is nice, but what else can we do? Is there really no solution? Right now, I can't think of something to fix this problem, but then again, I didn't realize that was *my* job. In addition, this problem is very low on people's radar. When I told a friend about the problem with theft, she said, "I never thought something like that would happen at Hamilton." Well, it does. So I ask people to think twice before they go to the bathroom, before they leave their wallet on a table in commons, before they leave their mailbox lock on the last number so they can just open it. Hamilton is not as safe as people would like to believe.

> "When I told a friend about the problem with theft, she said, 'I never thought something like that would happen at Hamilton.' Well, it does."

On another note, I have to point the finger at the student body. At what point did it become acceptable for people to act in this fashion? What is getting lost amid the competition to do well in school and the strong desire to have the "time of our lives," is the idea of respect and morality. I am not a religious guy and I am definitely no saint. Be that as it may, I know the difference between right and wrong and never would I think to steal someone's laptop. It is not even about the money. I have lost irreplaceable photographs, years of work, law school applications, and lastly, my sense of pride for Hamilton.

So to whomever stole my laptop, I have a bunch of four letter words I would love to say to you. But, most of all, I would like to say thanks. Thanks for showing how weak Hamilton really is.

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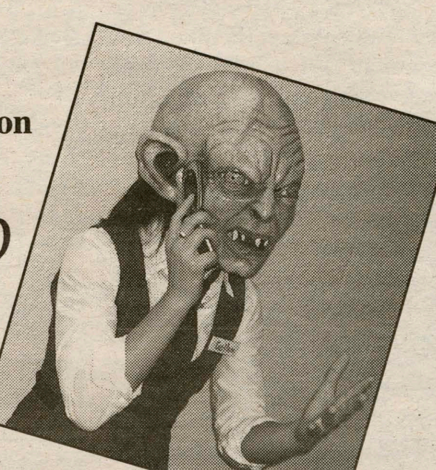
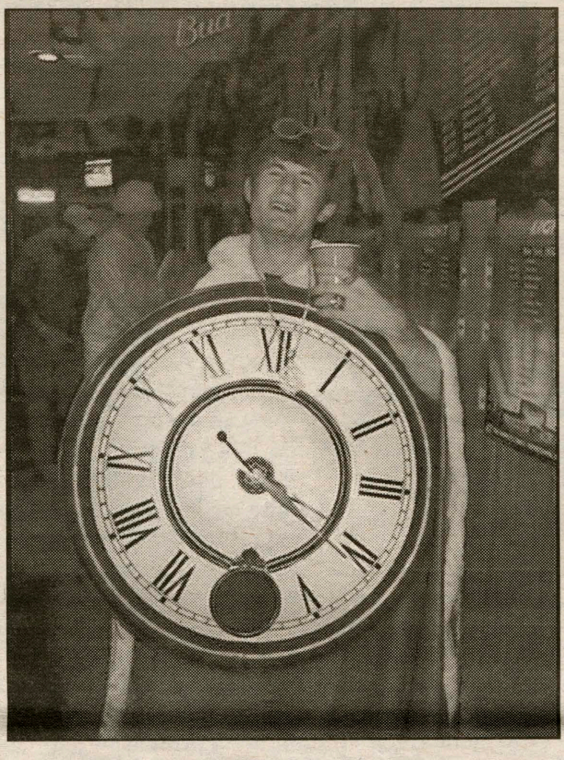
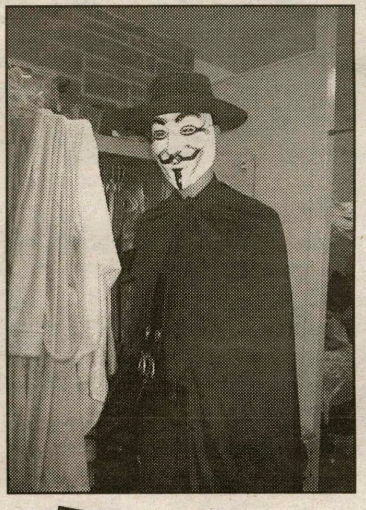
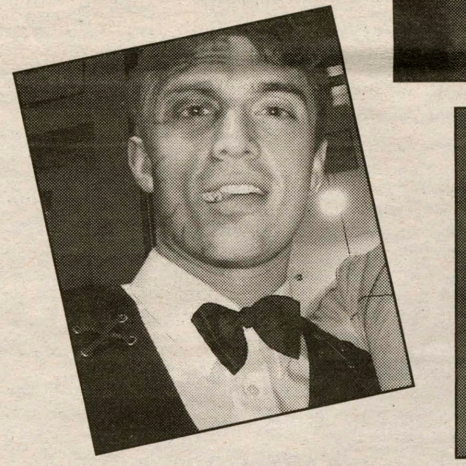
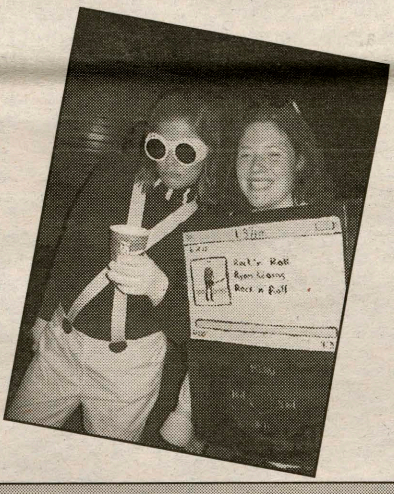








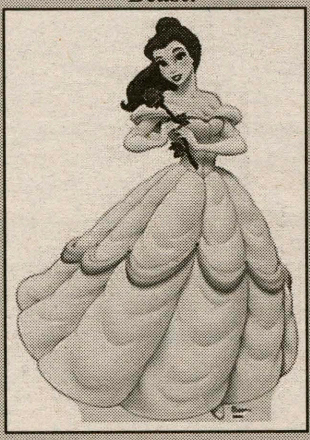


Lotions and Potions: Disney Princesses and Their Magic Tricks

By Elizabeth Kosar '10
Beauty Columnist

Disney movies. For most of us, they were a cornerstone of our childhood. We dressed up as Disney princesses, and whether we will admit it or not, we can still sing the songs. If Disney princesses were to give out beauty advice this is what they'd say:

Belle from Beauty and the Beast:



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"The Beast and I sometimes share beauty products, just like Victoria and David Beckham! We just love Vidal Sassoon Medium No Crimper Black Elastics. They hold our matching ponytails in place."

Ariel from The Little Mermaid:

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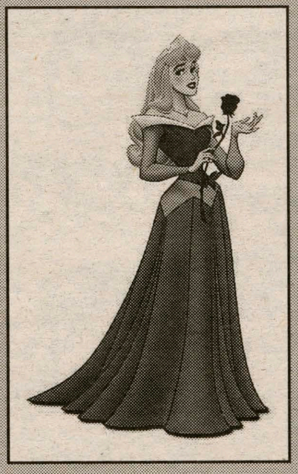
"Keeping my red hair luscious and vibrant with all this sea water is such a trial! I just don't know what I'd do without my Pantene Prov-V Expressions Conditioner. Actually I do know. I'd look like Scuttle."

Sleeping Beauty:



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When you go to sleep as long as I do you want to make sure you have fresh breath when Prince Charming shows up. I use Crest Pro-Health Rinse, which keeps your breath minty all night!"

Jasmine from Aladdin:

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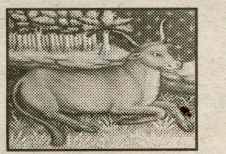
"Getting trapped in a giant hour glass was not a highlight of my life. That sand really takes a toll on your skin. I smooth mine back to health with Eucerin Original Moisturizing Cream."

Hamilton Horoscopes

By Steve Allinger '09
Features Seer

Aries: Your natural leadership abilities will lead you to do whatever your friends are doing this weekend.

Taurus: You are the most sensual of the signs. But the dance floor of Bundy is still a bad place to display your virility.



Gemini: Your sign is a set of twins. Kill your twin so that you can become a cooler sign like Aries or Scorpio.

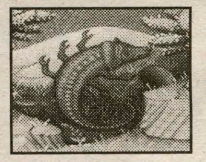
Cancer: Take that trip to the health center, you probably have crabs.

Leo: Your egotistical nature is starting to wear thin. Stay indoors this weekend, no one wants to see your stupid lion face.

Virgo: You have been avoiding confrontation all month. The stars suggest you should continue to do so because the stars know you would get your ass kicked.

Libra: You are a set of scales. Clearly nothing interesting will happen to you this week… or ever.

Scorpio: You are a formidable opponent. Find a Pisces and take advantage of them, they will offer little or no resistance.



Sagittarius: Your element is *fire*. This is a good weekend to try hard drugs.

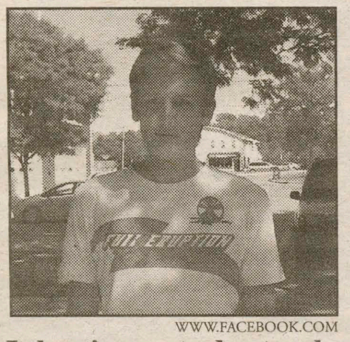
Capricorn: I was staring directly into the sun for ten minutes today when it hit me; Capricorns are slutty because they have low self-esteem. And that is because they are fat.

Aquarius: The position of Mercury suggests you take a risky business move, like drinking two forties and robbing the Howard Diner.

Pisces: Trust everyone, especially your sign's counterpart, Scorpio.

From Where I Sit: Life Through a Greek Boy Prism

By John Molfetas '09
Features Contributor



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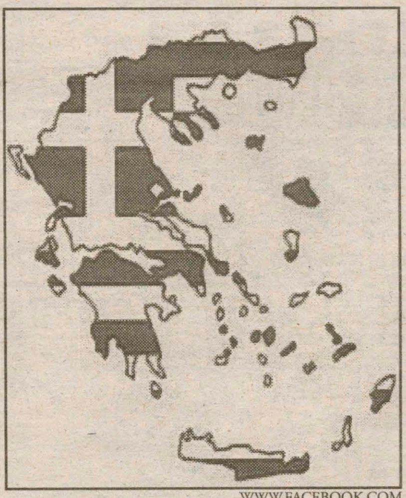
John is a student who hails from Greece.

Two day ago, I was trying to edit a paper, trying relentlessly not to fall asleep when I remembered that when Bianca became the Editor of Features, I promised to write a column. Each week she has pestered me to write *From Where I Sit*; however, I have always found some feeble excuse and delayed the inevitable. This week, I just could not say no. Therefore, I decided to write a little passage that explains my life choices through the Greek boy prism.

I am in essence a multicultural person. My last name Molfetas, which everyone misspells and mispronounces, is actually of Italian origin and originated from the town of Molfetta in southern Italy. I assume that some Italian ancestor of mine probably immigrated to western Greece many centuries ago. My father's side of the family has not only Greek blood but also German and Russian. My British mothers' side has an Anglo-Irish ancestry.

I was born in England, but I have lived all my life in Greece where life is arguably more relaxed than it is here in the United States. People are much more interested in enjoying themselves, relaxing, and taking afternoon siestas than they are interested in working long hours. My paternal grandfather took a three-hour nap every single day! What I found interesting when arriving to the United States was the similar feeling of a community spirit, especially amongst agricultural communities. In Greece, all villages are built around a village green and a village square and the houses are in very close proximity with one another-in some cases even touching each other. The centers of Greek village life are the coffee shops in which until very recently only men frequented often. People would play cards or board games, drink coffee, tea or strong liquor and mainly discuss politics. Due to the great ethnic homogeneity of the country (98 percent Greek and nearly 99 percent Christian), people share and partake in many rituals and national celebrations.

My personal favorite is the Easter celebration, which in Greece is much more important than that of Christmas. During the Holy Week, people participate in the Church services. The most impressive display is the parade of the epitaph in and around the village. The people carry a symbolic icon of Jesus Christ elaborately decorated with flowers. On the day of the resurrection, at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Greeks frequently use fireworks to glorify the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This tradition originated from the willingness of the Greeks when they were under Turkish occupation to keep the Ottomans at bay during their most important religious celebration. On Easter Sunday, the day the forty-day fasting ends, the main dish of the day is lamb on the spit.



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Upon coming to Hamilton, I was a rather shy human being; however, I quickly warmed up, managed to adapt, became slightly Americanized, and at times, I am actually a little too friendly. I think adapting to the college environment was easier for me than other Greeks because of my bilingual status, and the fact that I had traveled to nearly fifteen European countries before coming here. I have been exposed to a variety of different cultures, and I am eager to understand and appreciate other cultures.

Certainly, my maternal Anglo-Saxon heritage assists me in that way. What was most troubling the first year, being a freshman, was not having anyone to talk to in Greek and sharing few common interests or passions. In addition, I was constantly nostalgic of Kefalonia, the island were my father's family has roots and where my granddad was buried a year before I left my home.

My grandfather had been my mentor, and in a way, he continues to be my role model. He was born in 1909. A lawyer by profession, he worked on the island together with his cousins and brothers, and soon established a very notable social position, despite not being very wealthy. He fought during the Second World War, and survived the subsequent German and Italian occupation. During the Greek Civil War, he assisted my grandmother in the birth of my father in the family home. His law career and our family, however, were shattered by the earthquake of 1953, which rendered the island, including our house, into piles of rubble. My grandfather left the island, financially devastated, for Athens to apply for a position at the Athenian Law Bar, the only money he had was what his best friend had lent him. Since that time, he worked harder than ever to sustain himself and his two children. He sent both to private schools and educated both of them abroad, my dad also becoming a lawyer and my uncle becoming a medical physicist at the largest Athenian hospital. Two things that my grandfather said I shall never forget: some people are saying hello to you because they like you, others (the large majority) are saying hello because they want to use you or are just impressed by your social status; always try to fight for those who cannot fight for themselves. During the Greek civil war, my grandfather, as a junior minister, tried to achieve compromise between the rebellious communists and the government on the island. After that failed, a reign of terror ensued. Many people were falsely convicted of being leftists or communists. Although politically conservative, my Granddad, defended them pro-bono and saved several innocent people from the firing squads and exile. Many poor farmers could only thank him with simple gifts of vegetables or crops to show their gratitude.

Fortunately, my grandfather's words remain with me as I traverse the campus and spy Bianca in the distance. I know that Bianca is only using me to fill the empty column *From Where I Sit*, in the Spectator. Now you owe me one, Bianca.

"From Where I Sit" is the ESOL column that presents the nonnative English speaker's point of view on his or her experience. If you have a "From Where I Sit" story that you would like to share, please email adragan.

What's Cookin' in the CoOp: Yummy Desserts for Your Tummy!

By Amelia Conlon '08
Features Contributor

For Halloween we had a costume dinner, with Captain Planet, a snow bunny, a witch, Audrey Hepburn, sorority sisters, a man with a moustache and a tree all in attendance. This weeks meals reflect a creative way to use in season winter vegetables, just as our costumes reflected a creative use of clothing and material.

Sweet Potato Crescent Rolls (Simply in Season)

1 ½ cups whole wheat flour
¼ cup sugar
1 tablespoon active dry yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon ground allspice
Combine in a large bowl

1 cup sweet potatoes (cooked and mashed)
1 cup milk
¼ cup butter

Combine in large saucepan and cook over medium heat, stirring until butter is melted and mixture is warm. Add to flour mixture. Beat with mixer set on low speed, scraping bowl often, until mixture is all moistened (1-2 minutes).

1 large egg (beaten)
Add and beat at medium speed for 3 minutes

2 -2 ½ cups bread flour

Stir in enough flour by hand to make dough easy to handle. Turn onto floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 7-9 minutes. Place in greased bowl, turn to grease both sides, cover with damp cloth, and let rise until doubled in bulk. Punch down dough and divide in half. Roll each half of dough on lightly floured surface into a 12-inch circle.

2 tablespoons butter (melted).

Brush each circle with 1 tablespoon butter. Cut into 12 wedges and tightly roll up each wedge from wide end to point. Place crescent rolls, point side down, on greased baking sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled. Bake in preheated oven at 375° until golden brown, 10-12 minutes.

Curried Carrot Soup (Simply in Season)

1 onion (chopped)
1 clove garlic (minced)
2 stalks celery (chopped)
In large soup pot sauté in 2 tablespoons olive oil until soft.

2 pounds carrots or sweet potatoes or winter squash (chopped)
6 cups vegetable broth
2 teaspoons curry powder

Add and bring to boil. Simmer until carrots are tender, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat, cool slightly and puree.

1 teaspoon lemon juice or 1 cup apple cider
salt and pepper to taste
Add and stir well.

Spiced Pumpkin Squares (Moosewood Restaurant Book of Desserts)

Pumpkin Mixture
½ cup butter
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
¾ cup cooked pumpkin puree

Dry Ingredients
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ginger
¼ teaspoon allspice
½ cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter the baking pan dust with flour. With an electric mixer, cream together the butter and brown sugar until light and well blended. Beat in the egg. Add the vanilla and pumpkin and continue to beat until thoroughly mixed. Sift together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, salt, ginger and allspice and stir them into the pumpkin mixture to form a smooth batter. Fold in the chopped walnuts by hand.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Cool for about 15 minutes before cutting into squares.

"What's Cookin' in the CoOp" is a collection of yummy concoctions from the CoOp kitchen at Wollcott house.

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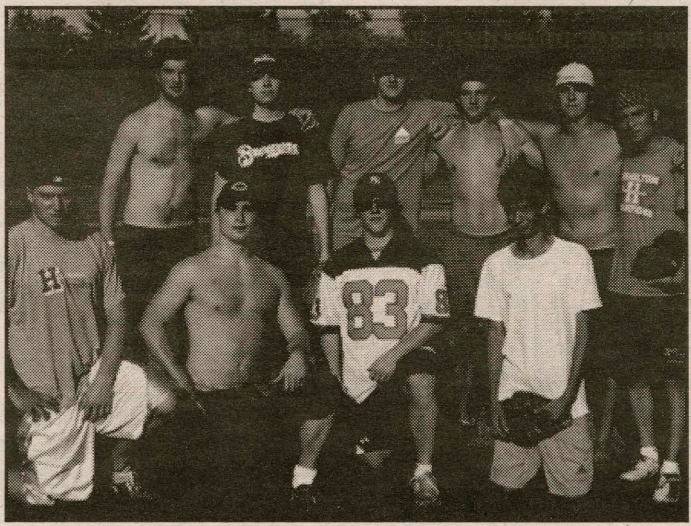

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Weekly Charts

by Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums
1. Blackout- Britney Spears
2. Carnival Ride- Carrie Underwood
3. Avenged Sevenfold- Avenged Sevenfold
4. Raising Sand- Robert Plant & Alison Krauss
5. CoCo- Colbie Caillat

Top Songs
1. Kiss Kiss - Chris Brown
2. Apologize - Timbaland
3. Bubbly - Colbie Caillat
4. Crank That - Soulja Boy
5. No One - Alicia Keys

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)
1. Saw IV
2. Dan in Real Life
3. 30 Days of Night
4. The Game Plan
5. Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married
6. Michael Clayton
7. Gone Baby Gone
8. Tim Burton's Nightmare Before Christmas
9. We Own the Night
10. The Comebacks

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, by Gabriel García Márquez
2. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen
3. THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini
4. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
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Heroes: Televison's Favorite New Superheroes Return for Season Two

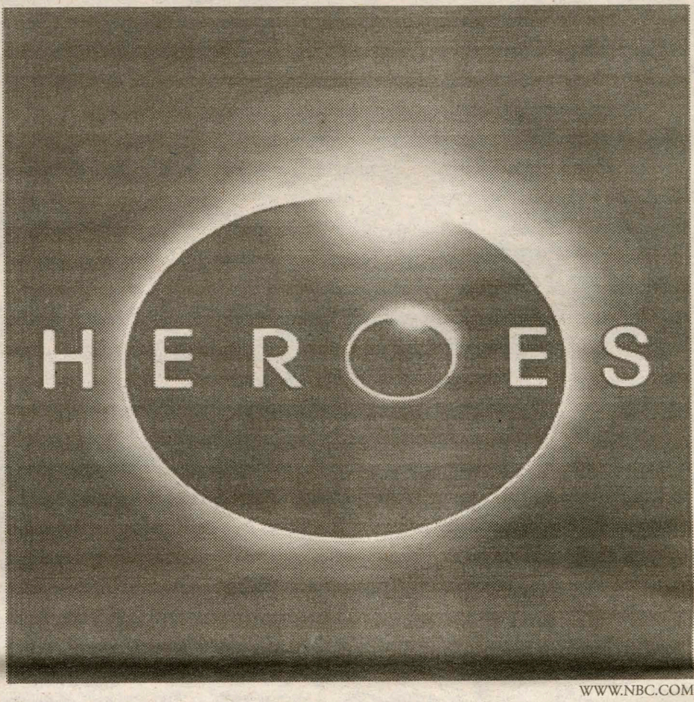
by Jacob Murray '09
Arts and Entertainment Editor

We have all seen TV shows, movies, and comics that involve your everyday individual discovering that they have an extraordinary ability, whether it is flying, super-speed, or even invisibility. For example, the comic "X-Men" has given rise to three major motion pictures, as well as countless Saturday morning cartoons. So you think the general public would be bored with this idea, right? Well in Tim Kring's case, the creator and producer of the hit NBC TV show "Heroes," the sky is the limit. Currently in its second season, Heroes follows the lives of many different "extraordinary" people. Although there are many striking similarities between the powers of those in X-Men and in Heroes, the writers have managed to develop a storyline that is much different than what you would expect from a sci-fi program. For one, each "hero" has their own intricate background story, which you learn gradually over the span of the show. Also, each character on the show is somehow connected with one another, creating a complex web of relationships that only makes the story more interesting. Perhaps most importantly, the abilities of the heroes are not revealed to the audience immediately, allowing the writers some leeway when developing their storylines.

Season one begins to take shape when main character Hiro Nakamura (Masa Oka) discovers that he can travel through time. On his first major attempt at time travel, he finds himself in New York City, months in the future. He soon finds out that New York City will be devastated by a nuclear bomb, and must rally to stop this catastrophe. Eventually, Hiro meets up with another character named Peter Petrelli (Milo Ventimiglia), who can absorb the powers of other heroes around him. On their way to stopping the bomb, they come face to face with a villain named Sylar (Zachary Quinto), who has been killing other heroes in order to take their abilities. At the very end of the first season, Sylar and Peter battle for the safety of New York City, only to find that Peter has gained the ability to release radioactive blasts, which is the source of the nuclear explosion.

Season two picks up four months after the blast, with some characters getting their lives back together, and other new characters discovering their abilities. Elle (Kristin Bell, star of "Veronica Mars"), is hired by a company to find Peter Petrelli, who has found himself stuck in Ireland after the nuclear blast. After escaping Elle's deadly wrath, Peter looks into the future to find that New York City has been evacuated due to unknown reasons.

Heroes has something for every type of viewer, whether you are into science fiction or not. It was the best rated show in its time-slot last year, at 9:00 pm on Monday. Nominated for eight Emmy's, it was NBC's best-rated television program in 2006, with an average of 14.3 million viewers per episode in the United States alone. So if you need a break from football on Monday night, tune into NBC to see how this season will play out, and which heroes will survive.



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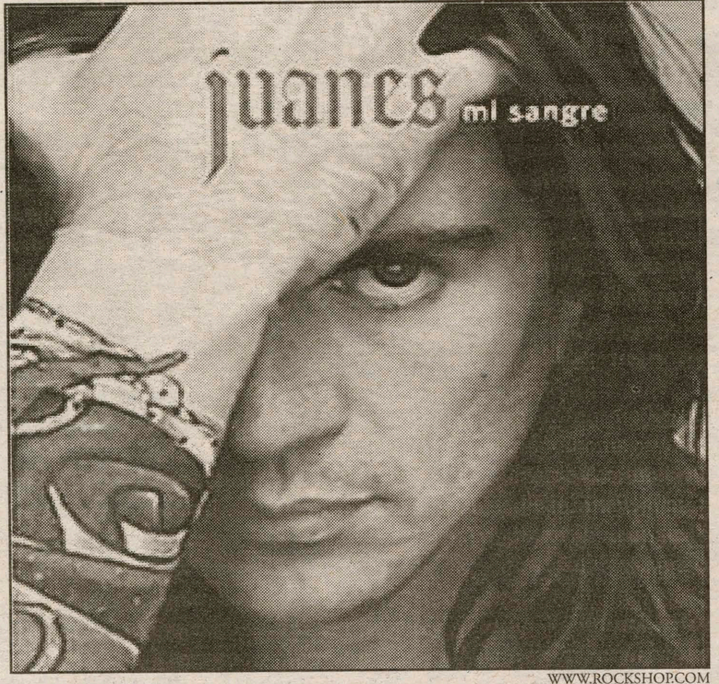
The second season of Heroes is underway. Watch it on NBC on Monday nights at 9:00.

New Juanes CD: La Vida Es un Ratico

by Alex Ossola '10
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Juanes, the Columbian pop sensation, released his fourth album last Tuesday, entitled *La Vida Es un Ratico* (*Life is only a moment*). In comparison to his previous albums, Juanes said that this one would sound "more Columbian," with tinges of musical styles from his native country. This influence of Juanes' South American roots has transformed his sound from one that is distinctively pop to a highly unique, rhythmically and melodically complex hybrid of pop and salsa. Like in his earlier CDs (but less so in *Mi Sangre*), Juanes does not shy away from political commentary, as in the songs "Minas Piedras" and "Bandera de Manos." However, Juanes counters these heavier songs with ones about love and relationships. His first single off the album, "Me Enamora," is an example of one of these lighter songs that has a great beat and is definitely sing-along-able, if you can speak Spanish that quickly. Juanes' lyrics, which have always been one of his strong points, are not only thought provoking but oftentimes quite poetically beautiful- definitely worth using an online translator for. Although Juanes' last album, *Mi Sangre*, was 4-times Platinum internationally and won 3 Latin Grammy Awards, *La Vida Es un Ratico* leaves previous albums in the dust on many levels. The new album shows Juanes coming into his rightful place as an international superstar and, even more admirably, one that's not afraid to incorporate politics and concerns of humanity into his music. We can certainly expect more catchy, complex and topical music from Juanes in the future. But, instead of counting on the future, we can take Juanes' advice and be content with our momentary lives with *La Vida Es un Ratico*.



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Juanes' last CD isn't nearly the caliber of this new release.

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From Boner Jam to Apple Wagon: The Truth Behind One of Hamilton's Favorite Bands

By Rebecca Griffin '09
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Apple Wagon celebrated its one year performance anniversary this past weekend with a Halloween show at Rogers Estate followed by a performance at the Pub on Friday. A year ago the band was named Electric Robots and performed a show with little to no equipment that was nonetheless a huge success that spurred the on-campus following of the band. These self described "Nomadic Practicers" have changed from being conned Electric Robots to Incidinary Pandas, Leaf House, Kinetics, Boner Jam and their current Apple Wagon but throughout all the transitions have maintained truly fun performances that are as entertaining to watch as to listen to.

"So it all goes back to Spiritual Hot Pocket," stated Dave Moroney when asked to describe how Apple Wagon was founded. Many juniors may remember the debut of this band at the freshman year talent show in which the duo of Moroney on vocals and Sander Doucette, on guitar, preformed a rendition of the song Dead Puppies. From there the band has grown in size adding junior Phil Tracy as well as sophomores Brett Morell, Mason Fried and Andrew Ravenna.

"We needed a drummer," said Doucette and "Phil had a drum set."

"It was all about the goods I could provide," Tracy joked. "Not about talent." The sophomores converged in South and the band "sort of just came together."

Describing themselves as playing "hippy-jam-trans-rock," the band plays an eclectic mix of covers and original songs that they've written. "We're all from different backgrounds," Moroney stated, "so we all like different types of music and bring those tastes to what we play." All but Moroney had been in bands before and they used that previous skill to compose the six original songs they've already written.

These songs, as well as covers, incorporate the shows that Apple Wagon performs at the school as well as off campus. The band performed about 12 shows last year and has already performed five shows this year including shows Upstate at Saranac Lake and Braster Falls. Their show at the Annex received rave reviews from those who went and sang along to songs like "Just What I needed," "Sexy Back," and group favorite "Roses are Free." One problem the band, like all campus bands, faces is the lack of administrative support for campus bands in doling out rehearsal space. However, the band was quick to state that "there's a very supportive student scene at Hamilton" that provides them with opportunities to perform.

Apple Wagon has developed quite a following at their concerts. "Apple Wagon concerts are awesome because you they play songs that are fun to listen and dance to in a really relaxed, fun environment," said junior Susan Stanton. Overall, the band seems to enjoy having a good time together and that atmosphere transfers over into their music. Be sure to catch Apple Wagon at their concert in the ELS basement this Friday which promises to be a great concert "perhaps with laser lights."

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The men of the band Apple Wagon enjoying frolicking in the great outdoors.

Saw IV: Newest Film Delivers Even More Murder and Mayhem

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The end of October means that theaters are filled once again with the gory, slasher films that usually accompany Halloween. *Saw IV*, the latest installment in the *Saw* series, debuted as the number one movie this weekend. The series began as a low-budget horror film that has turned into a hugely popular horror series with the previous films doing extremely well at the box office.

Saw IV lives up to the tradition of its predecessors of providing more plot than the usual horror film. It lacks the originality of the original but still manages to provide an hour and a half of cringing violence and torture. In the film the Jigsaw Killer, who died in the previous installment, manipulates people to continue the mayhem that he started. As in the previous installments the killer is interested in teaching people to value their own lives. The movies attempt to be philosophical as well as terrifying. Unfortunately, *Saw IV*, did not recieve the accolades of the previous films in the series. Many viewers feel that the films have become redudant and, while scary, do not provide the same thrills as the first three movies did.

"The games have just begun" is the sinister claim left by Jigsaw in a tape recording. The movie tells the story of Lieutenant Rigg (Lyriq Bent). Manipulation and terror surround the lives of all the characters as they struggle to find out who is being manipulated and what Jigsaw's end game is.

The film is certainly not for anyone looking for a comprehensive plot line or character development but does provide some truly gruesome, terrifying moments and will please those that love the horror genre. The cinematography adds to the eerie feeling that surrounds the plot as it delivers some unexpected twists. The movie was number one at the box office its opening weekend and promises to be a terrifying watch. *Saw IV* was released on October 26 and is rated R.

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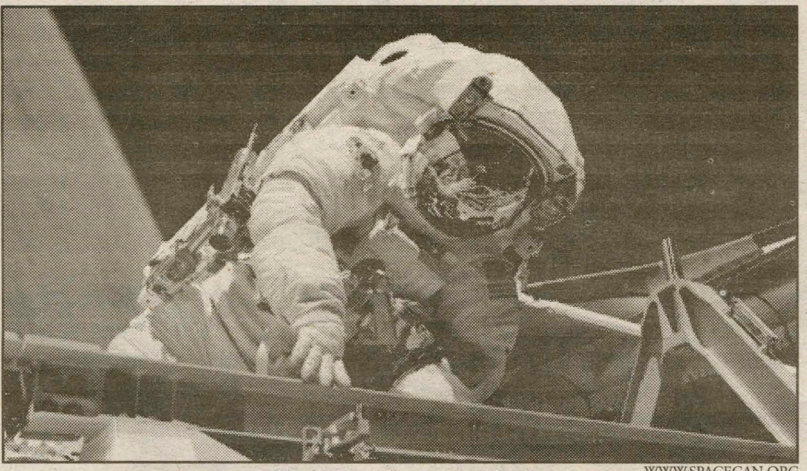
Another Gruesome installment of the Saw series, not for the faint of heart

To My Brother
by Geoffrey Forrest Hicks

***You are the sun and I am
the moon
Both employed by God to
give their light
Your glowing radiance by
day makes room
For me to shine among
the magic night.
Yours is the brightest
shining star of day
While mine the tepid
lantern stealthily gleams
To each his own; each
glows in his own way
But reunites to the other
by seamless seams.
Each rules the sky half
the day long
Each will share the
Father's glory
Let sunshine days be the
theme of your song
While Many moons ago
begins my story.
Illuminate the morning
and the night
And I shall be reflections
of your light.***

Potentially Dangerous Spacewalk This Weekend

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor



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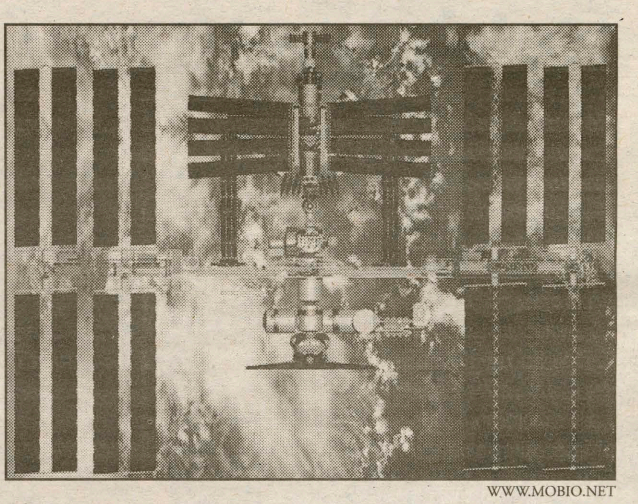

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Scott Parazynski, seen here in 2000, has been given the mission. Both major solar arrays on the ISS are damaged.

This Saturday or Sunday, NASA history will be made. Astonaut Scott Parazynski will attempt an extremely difficult spacewalk to fix a rip in a major solar panel array on the International Space Station (ISS). He runs the distinct chance of being electrcuted or burning a hole in his glove. On Thursday, Parazynski said, "We'll be ready to go a couple of days from now."

Astronaut David Wolf, who leads the spacewalking division at NASA, while optimistic about the possibilities of success, pointed out in a press conference Thursday that the spacewalk will probably be at least as difficult as those that were necessary to fix the Hubble Space Telescope, but points out that those spacewalks were extensively rehearsed, whereas Parazynski will have almost no warning of what will be required of him. Until Parazynski gets out to the the end of the 115-foot solar array, NASA engineers will be unable to determine what materials he might need to fix the array.

NASA flight communicators have warned Parazynski not to touch the electricity-generating solar cells that cover virtually the entire wing. If the metal of a tool he was holding melted, it could burn a hole into his glove, since the partially-unfurled solar wing is producing power, and there is no way to turn it off, Hassmann said.

"Just a kind of small slip and you could be touching it," added Dina Contella, the lead spacewalk officer in Mission Control. In addition, Wolf has admitted there is a distinct possibility Parazynski could be electrocuted by potential loose wiring. The metal portions of all the tools Parazynski will bring with him have been covered in adhesive tape as a safety precaution.

Furthermore, Parazynski will be an hour away from the entrance to the station, twice as far as NASA likes to keep astronauts spacewalking on the ISS. Flight Director David Hassmann said the risks were unavoidable as the station needed the repair badly. Parazynski is the most experienced spacewalker on the ISS at the moment, with nine walks to his credit.

On Tuesday, the solar array was hoisted into place as part of a major construction project onboard the ISS. NASA officials have theorized that the rip was caused by a guide-wire or guidewire support while it was being moved. The panel is torn in two places, and the damage could eventually disable the entire wing through a short circuit.

This damage is all the more concerning in light of the discovery made by a team of astronauts Monday that the rotary joint controlling the other major solar wing on the station is covered in metal shavings, indicating a severe deficiency in its operation that must be fixed by a later shuttle mission. With both wings disabled, the ISS would be able to support the lives of the astronauts remaining onboard for no more that four days. However, NASA officials insist there is little possibility of both situations getting worse at the same time.

The space shuttle Discovery, currently docked with the ISS, has already had a day added onto its mission to help fix the damage; a longer stay is a possibility. The damage to the solar arrays will almost certainly push back plans for the addition of a European and a Japanese laboratory to be added to the ISS on schedule. These delays are particularly worrying because the space shuttle fleet is scheduled for retirement in 2010, and there is currently no other type of spaceship capable of bringing the parts to complete the station. The ISS is currently humankind's only continually orbitting manned spacecraft.

Science Matters Matter in Election

by Kye Lippold
Science & Technology Special Correspondent

While the issues of science and technology may not have received high profiles in the 2008 campaign relative to issues of the war in Iraq, health care, or the environment, a candidate's support for science funding and technological initiatives becomes important if they achieve elected office. The administrative details of scientific funding can determine the fate of research grants and technological innovations, and an administration can pursue scientific findings openly or cherry-pick evidence to obstruct issues. As such, we should take a look at where the 2008 candidates stand on matters of science.

One good measure of scientific support involves candidates' support for scientific funding through bills in Congress, which the American Institute of Biological Sciences has summarized for the public. The recent votes on the America COMPETES Act, which increased funding for the National Science Foundation, indicate candidates' interest in supporting scientific endeavors. Unfortunately, the votes for the bill were mostly off the record, yielding only a few direct votes to consider openly (allof which opposed the legislation). Representative Dennis Kucinich, the lone House Democrat to oppose the legislation, cited concerns about nuclear energy subsidies in the final bill (having voted for an earlier version without such subsidies); Republican Representatives Duncan Hunter, Ron Paul, and Tom Tancredo all voted against the bill, presumably because of budget concerns. In the Senate, votes were not recorded, but Democratic Senators Joe Biden and Christopher Dodd both signed a letter urging the president to accept the legislation. That leaves Democratic frontrunners Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama without a clear record (John Edwards supported NSF funding during his time in the Senate), while Republican leaders Rudy Guliani, Mitt Romney, Fred Thompson, and Mike Huckabee did not hold elective office to vote on the bill (Republican Senator John McCain's vote was not recorded).

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Voices from Abroad: England

Ah, Ye Olde Operating Theatre!

by Matthew Crowson '09
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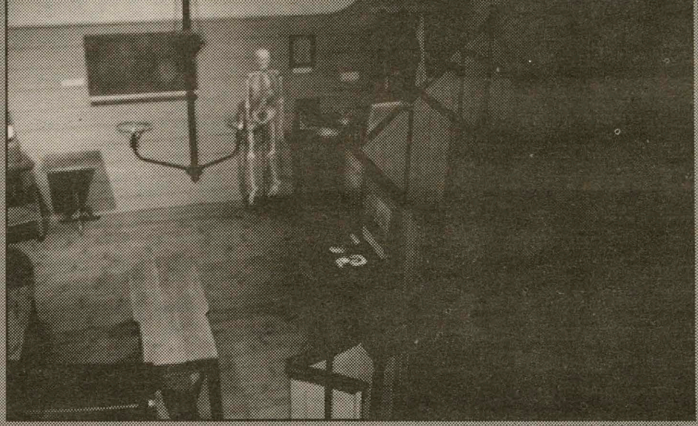

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Stadium seating in the operating theatre proves that in

If you had the misfortune of having a run-in with a wayward horse carriage in the streets of nineteenth-century London, you may well have preferred to be killed in the accident rather than to endure the primitive surgical procedures performed without anesthesia in front of a crowd sixty-deep.

The main surgical venue for lower class patients in South-East London was the "St. Thomas Hospital Operating Theatre," located a stone's throw away from the southern bank of the Thames River. The title is fitting, considering that the room is laid out such that there is a wooden table in the middle surrounded by stadium seating. Surgical apprentices, students, and laymen from the public commonly attended the surgeries as a requirement for their medical studies, or just for plain old fashioned fun.

There were no lights in the room since electricity wouldn't be available for another century, and the medical staff relied exclusively on sunlight and a few gas lamps to provide the light they needed to see what they were doing. Because sunlight was such a vital logistical component, surgeries usually only took place around mid-morning to ensure that they would be able to use the light coming in from the skylight of an optimal, high-noon sun.

Aside from the relatively limited medical expertise of the surgeons, the most horrifying aspects of the surgery performed back then would have to be the lack of anesthesia and the total neglect for basic principles of sanitation. If a patient had a lower-leg fracture that couldn't be 'set' by brute-force physical manipulation, a common treatment was to amputate the leg from the knee down. Bear in mind that anesthesia hadn't been invented at this point in time, and surgeons discouraged the use of alcohol by patients because alcohol is an effective blood thinner - the patient would risk a quick death by uncontrollable hemorrhaging if they decided to intoxicate themselves prior to the operation.

It isn't hard to imagine that a conscious, mobile patient would prove tricky for the surgeon. Restraints weren't used very often in case the patient had to be shifted during the procedure, so up to five of the surgeon's prized students were granted the privilege of holding down the thrashing patient. In fact, these lucky students paid an extra sum on top of their tuition for

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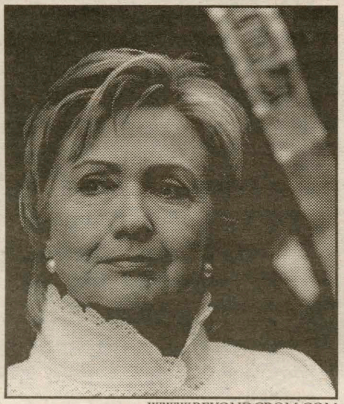
from candidates' votes on increased funding for the National Institute of Health (NIH), a program that the Federation of American Scientists for Experimental Biology (which claims to represent 80,000 biologists) lobbied to support. Here, we see science taking up a low profile on most candidates' radar screens; every senator on the Republican and Democratic sides of the presidential race, as well as Republican Representatives Tancredo and Paul, skipped the vote, leaving again Kucinich (voted aye) and Hunter (nay) to vote on the bill. Interestingly, most of those who skipped the vote were presidential candidates, suggesting that they found campaigning more important than voting on the combined bill (which would fund not only the NIH, but also the Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services).

In spite of this lack of clear data, however, one candidate has taken specific steps to put science on the agenda in 2008. Hillary Clinton has explicitly promised an expanded space program, greater respect for scientific integrity, and 50 percent increased funds for the National Science Foundation. These specific steps go beyond the more vague promises of most other candidates; however, Clinton has also not followed her colleagues Dodd, Edwards, and Richardson on the space issue by calling for a ban on satellite weaponry. Also on the issue of space, Richardson has touted his New Mexico space program as a success story, while Kucinich has emphasized his understanding of space budgeting issues through the presence of the NASA Glenn Research Center in his district. For the Republicans, John McCain has attracted attention for his previous role in funding NASA on the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, where he supported President Bush's programs to reach Mars; other Republican candidates have made no public statements.

Of course, the widely discussed issue regarding scientific funding involves whether to extend federal funding to stem cell research (which would use cells usually derived from embryos to develop new genetic cures for diseases). Here, the lines are broken fairly clearly by party—all the Democrats support funding for stem cell research (usually for cells derived from fertility treatments), while Republicans tend to either oppose the concept of stem cell research outright (Thompson, Tancredo, and Hunter) or call for using funds only for existing cell lines (Romney and Huckabee). McCain and Guliani come off as more liberal than their fellows on this issue; both support stem cell research funding so long as the research does not involve cloned cells. Considering that 51 percent of the American public support stem cell research (while 35 percent believe it is better that "potential life not be destroyed" and fourteen percent are unsure [according to an August 1-18 Pew Research Center poll]), Guliani and McCain may be hoping to play to the middle ground on this issue.



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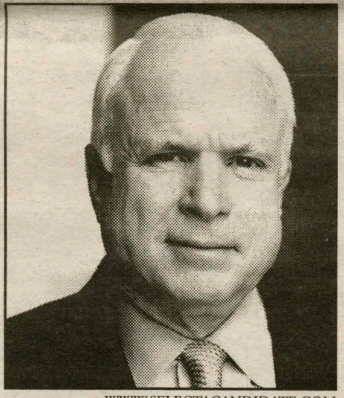

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Clinton and McCain both have ambiguous records on funding scientific projects.

Ultimately, science issues have mostly been overshadowed by campaign rhetoric—few candidates have cast meaningful votes recently on science funding, and few have taken stances on the space program. Positions on stem cell research tend to be divided by party. Science programs are not usually seen as wedge issues, and as such we can expect little more focus on these issues in a polarized political season. But if you are concerned above all with an administration that respects science in word and deed, this list can get you started on your candidate search.

PROFESSOR PROFILE
Karen Brewer, Chemistry

THE FACTS:

Name: Karen Brewer
Department: Chemistry
College: Ohio Northern University
Research Includes: Rare-earth metal chemistry

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Elijah LaChance: If you were to describe yourself in a few words, what would they be?

Karen Brewer: Busy at home...busy at work...but loving every (well, almost every) moment.

EL: What areas of chemistry most interest you and why?

KB: I am most interested in the applications of inorganic chemistry for the design and investigation of new materials–nanomaterials, luminescent materials, conducting polymers, semiconductors, superconductors, etc. These new materials are helping scientists and engineers design new drug delivery systems, more energy–efficient computer and television displays, new computer chips, etc.

EL: How did you eventually choose to teach chemistry for a living?

KB: I started college as a pharmacy major at Ohio Northern University (something practical that I could get a job doing later), but quickly found that I really liked the science of chemistry and the faculty in the chemistry department were just so darn nice to me so I switched my major in my second year. I had no real idea what kinds of things a chemist could do but I took the plunge anyways. My parents were a little skeptical as well since they had no idea either and they didn't attend college. At the end of my junior year, the chemistry faculty at ONU told me to apply to graduate school, so I did, thinking that that might be fun. I rather liked school as it was, so why not go for five more years? As a bonus, I found out that not only was graduate school in chemistry completely tuition-free, they would even pay me a stipend to live on. I also thought that the faculty at ONU had rather fun jobs and decided that I needed a Ph.D to be a professor. My role as one of the teaching assistants in my first year for a very large (475+) introductory chemistry class at MIT cemented my plan to eventually become a professor at a small college like the one I attended in Ohio. Since I came to Hamilton right from grad school, it's really strange to think that I have been in school since kindergarten.

EL: Why Hamilton?

KB: There was a job opening here that year! Actually, I had some choice in where to go after graduate school. I chose Hamilton because (in no particular order of importance) it was in the Northeast, I liked the village of Clinton, I knew it was a good school in the vein of Bowdoin, Williams, and Oberlin, I really liked the faculty and was very impressed by the students I met here when I interviewed, and I had heard of it before because one of my high school classmates had attended Hamilton for a year and since we wrote to each other after high school, I already knew the zip code.

EL: Do you have any habits students might notice? If so, what are they?

KB: Since I don't drink coffee I tend to carry around a bottle of Coca-Cola to get me through the morning (and afternoon).

EL: What is your favorite band/singer, ice cream flavor, book, and home-cooked meal?

That [singer] would probably be a tie between Tracy Chapman and Susan Werner.

Hydrox cookie [ice cream] from Toscanini's in Central Square, Cambridge, MA.

Usually that [favorite book] is the book I am currently reading, which right now is *Salt: A World History* by Mark Kurlansky. My most recent favorites include Ron Chernow's *Alexander Hamilton*, Kaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*, Cormac McCarthy's *The Road*, and Steven Johnson's *Everything Bad is Good for You.*

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That [favorite home-cooked meal] really depends on the season, but for this time of year I like to make pork roast braised in balsamic vinegar and black grapes, hot buttered mashed potatoes, orange glazed carrots, baby greens salad, homemade hard rolls, and a Dr. Pepper chocolate cake or pumpkin cheesecake for dessert.

EL: What would you say is your teaching style, and what can students expect who are in your classes?

KB: I like to think that my classes are well-organized and that I try to tell the interesting stories of chemistry during class. For students who are willing to work hard, I am always ready to help them succeed.

EL: What was the craziest thing you did in college?

KB: Well, I met my husband in Physical Chemistry class, so that might be viewed as a little crazy. On the nerdy side, he and I did spend three days of an Easter weekend writing a PChem lab report which involved a derivation in which we finally realized that ea/eb = ea–b. After that the derivation was really easy and took less than thirty minutes!

EL: Other than the Science Center, where can students expect to see you on campus?

*see **Professor Profile**, page 16*

SCI & TECH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOV. 4:
BioMatters Trip to NYC Featuring Bodies: The Exhibition
Bus leaves from ELS at 5:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 9:
Summer Research Poster Session
3:30-5:00 p.m. SCCT (Full Building)
Refreshments will be served

MONDAY, NOV. 5:
Dr. Ed O'Loughlin, Biosciences, Argonne National Laboratory
"Microbial and Geochemical Controls on Biogenic Fe(II) Speciation and Reactivity."
4:00 p.m. SCCT 2017
Refreshments will be served

MONDAY, NOV. 12:
Dr. Stephen Freeland, Department of Biologucal Sciences, University of Maryland
"The Cause and Consequence of Genetic Coding."
4:00 p.m. SCCT 2017
Refreshments will be served

What's on the Weekly Web Review? TechDirt.com: Information e-Bay

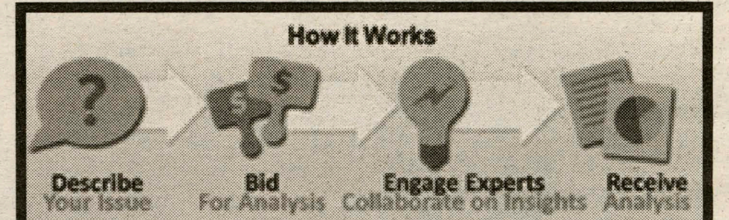
by Kate Tumarello '11
Science & Technology Editor

Rating:
(out of 5 beakers)

You would think a website designed and produced by analysts and experts would be one of the most informative and easily navigated websites. I certainly thought this was true, but I was wrong. Techdirt.com claims to be "A dynamic and diverse group of experts ready to provide the insight and analysis" for every need, especially for companies.

True, Techdirt.com is actually designed for companies to receive analysis on projects they're working on. Still, I was directed here when looking for articles about recent internet fads. The information they have is as pertinent to the average tech-loving college student as it is to the companies who pay for the research to be done.

Apparently, that's how the site operates. Companies go to Techdirt.com and place a bid on the research they want done. This research is done by both Techdirt analysts and mysterious outside researchers. Despite the convenient and cute chart on the homepage describing the way the site functions, it took me awhile to figure out how exactly it all works.



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The interface of Techdirt.com was exceedingly confusing.

On the site, you can either request information, read about the information, apply to be an expert for the site, or leave your comments. Since I'm hardly an expert or a company that needs and is willing to pay for research, I just go to Techdirt.com to look at the recent cases. These can be found both on the Techdirt homepage and in the Techdirt blog.

While the articles on the cases are well written and interesting, they are often supplied only on limited topics. Though this makes sense, since the information is supplied as companies need it, I can't help but wish the well written and interesting information was extended to other relevant topics. Their series of articles on Facebook has kept me both amused and well-informed.

The well-informed part was definitely a contributing factor to the site's creation in 1997. Founder Michael Masnick's goal was to assemble a bunch of highly skilled experts in fields including "technology, communications, media, biotechnology, financial services, retail, automotive and government" to provide those seeking information in those fields with the best information there is.

As a team, they go by the slogan, "Techdirt gets the right information to the right people at the right time."

This is true as long as you're looking for what they already have or are willing to pay for new information that you might be able to find on your own. Understanding that it's a business, the only major disadvantage of Techdirt.com is the complicated way in which they describe their business. Once you get past that, the articles are worth reading.

PROFESSOR PROFILE
Karen Brewer, Chemistry

*from **Professor**, page 15*

KB: I nearly live in the Science Center, but I can be found at the pool in the early evenings during the week when I am watching my son's (Simon) swim practice with the Clinton Cudas. I am also trying really hard to get to the fitness center and be faithful to my spinning classes.

EL: What are your current research interests, and how are students working with you?

KB: My current projects are in collaboration with Ann Silversmith in the Physics Department. Together, our students synthesize sol-gel and nano materials that are doped with rare earth elements (mainly europium and terbium) and study their fluorescence ("glow"). Our overall goal is to enhance the fluorescence by changing the chemical makeup and the way we process the glass through heat treatment and then studying their optical properties. During the summer we have anywhere from four to six students working in our combined group and we have one to three senior project students each during the academic year working on these projects.

EL: What is your fondest memory from your time at Hamilton?

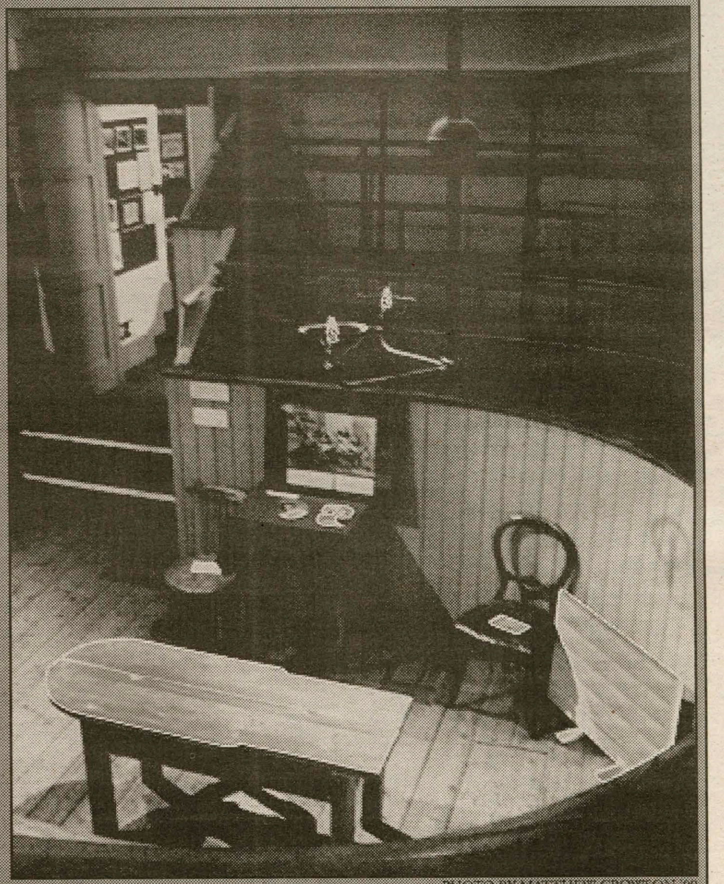
KB: That would be very hard to choose just one. I've been here a while, but I think I most enjoy and think most fondly of the tradition at the end of commencement when the graduates file between the faculty and we have the chance to congratulate the graduating students we have had in our classes and worked with on projects and say goodbye and good luck.

Voices from Abroad: England
Of Course There's No Anesthesia

*from **Operating**, page 14*

the privilege, and received the fancy title of "dresser." As the title implies, dressers were responsible for dressing the wound in addition to helping keep the patient under control.*

If you managed to survive the blood loss and the sheer psychological trauma of the surgery, your chances of survival were still not fantastic. Proper sanitation procedures were virtually non-existent in the theatre and prospect of developing a post-the operative infection was almost guaranteed. It was common practice for surgeons to wipe their scalpels and saws on their blood-encrusted coats before putting them back into the velvet-lined carrying case. And, of course, the coats were never laundered. What would be the point of washing your coat when it will just get gory again in the next surgery? The mortality rate due to hospital-acquired infections was sky high, and it wasn't until the turn of the century that crude antiseptics were created and implemented in the theatre.



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The operating table at the St. Thomas Operating Theatre was made of pine and there were no lights at all.

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Men's Soccer Enters Liberty League Championships

by Lindsay Getman '10
Sports Editor

Despite the ups and downs that have occurred this season, the Hamilton Men's Soccer Team has come out on top. The Continentals travel to St. Lawrence today to compete in the Liberty League Championship tournament. The team's semi-final game is against Union College.

Hamilton was in Canton on October 20 to play a regular season game against St. Lawrence. Anthony Carello '08 spent the game in goal and finished with ten saves. Max Akuahmoah-Boateng '09 scored the only goal for the Continentals in regulation time, assisted by Dan Dropkin-Frank '09 and Sam Dwyer '11. The goal tied the game at 1-1, and neither team was able to score in the second half. Dwyer ended the overtime period close to ten minutes in with an unassisted goal from 30 yards out. Hamilton won, 2-1.

The next day the team traveled to Potsdam to face off against their final Liberty League opponent of the regular season, Clarkson. The Golden Knights entered the game 3-8-2 on the season, and hadn't won a single Liberty League contest.

Joseph Hudson '10 scored just three minutes into the game, assisted by Dwyer and Daniel McGowan '11. Jesse Arroyave '11 chalked up another goal for the Continentals, assisted by Akuamoah-Boateng. Arroyave now leads the team in goals this season with four. Then, with less than three minutes remaining in the game, Travis Tomaselli '11 drove home his first goal of the season on a breakaway off a ground ball. Trevor Clarkson '09 had his second shutout of the season.

The Continentals returned to Love Field to play non-league opponent RIT on October 24. The Tigers scored within the first ten minutes of the game. Though Hamilton out-shot RIT 17-8, they remained scoreless for the rest of the contest. Players also got more aggressive than usual, resulting in six yellow cards for Hamilton. Carello's three saves could not prevent the 0-1 loss.

Hamilton's final regular season game was at SUNY Geneseo on October 27. The Blue Knights came in with a 9-6-2 record, and proved to be formidable opponents. The Continentals were out-shot 4-17. Not a single Hamilton player took a shot in the first half of play, while Geneseo had 10 shots and a goal directly off a corner kick. The Continentals were handed a disappointing 0-2 loss.

However, this weekend the team hopes to forget about the end of the regular season and focus on the Liberty League Tournament. Hamilton was awarded the number two seed, and they will play number three seeded Union College around 1:30 today. Number one seed St. Lawrence faces the fourth seed Hobart at 11 a.m. The winner of the tournament gets an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament.

The Continentals have played in all five previous Liberty League Tournaments. They won the tournament title in 2004, the last time St. Lawrence hosted.

Union enters the tournament 11-2-4 with a 3-1-3 League record. This is only the third time the Dutchmen have appeared in the tournament, and they have not won a title. Their team relies heavily on leading scorer Tripp Piatrek, who has 12 goals this season.

The winner of each game today will go on to play in the championship game on Saturday at noon. Wish your Continentals good luck as they try for the tournament title this weekend!

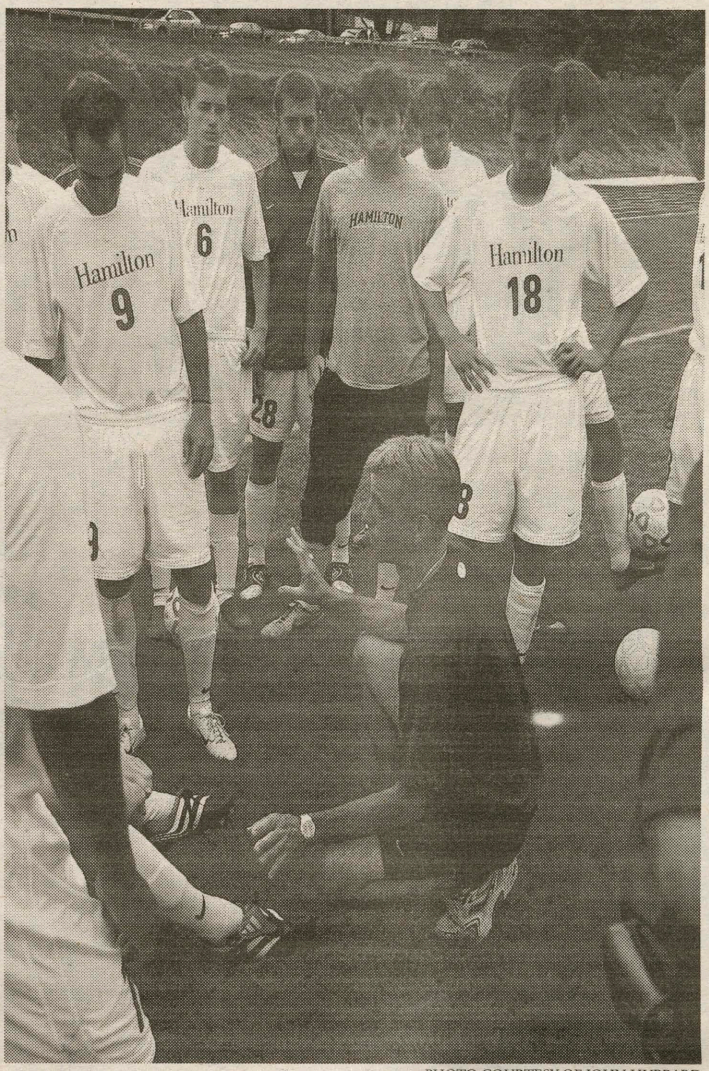


PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN HUBBARD

Head Coach Perry Nizzi has brought out the best in his players this season.

NBA Season Preview: Division Champions Predicted

by Brandon Leibsohn'10
Sports Editor

The NBA resumed play earlier this week with the San Antonio Spurs receiving their championship rings and Kobe putting up 45 points in a last second loss. We can expect a lot more exciting action to take place as everyone is looking to bring home the title.

The Eastern Conference no longer seems like the JV league as Boston, Miami, and Chicago all added key pieces to their teams. The usual contenders from the Western Conference will still be in contention, but they now have more competition. Each division has a team that will emerge and here is a look at who will make a case to win the NBA Championship this season.

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division:

Boston Celtics – Paul Pierce finally has some help with the additions of Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen. KG will bring the inside presence that has been lacking since the Big Three retired following the Celtic glory days. Ray Allen, one the best pure shooters in the league, will take over on the perimeter and look to shoot when KG is double-teamed. Pierce will play a combo role and will be expected to create off the dribble. He is coming back from an injury-plagued season and he is determined to make this team work. Although they lack depth behind their starting rotation, they do have a couple of pretty good bench players in Tony Allen and James Posey. Danny Ainge can thank his good friend Kevin McHale for the gift of KG and the success that is to come.

Central Division:

Detroit Pistons – Flip Saunders might be on the hot seat if the Pistons don't at least get back to the finals this year. Rasheed Wallace has rededicated himself by losing 25 pounds and getting into better shape. Richard Hamilton will look to be more of a scoring threat with Chris Webber out of the picture.

Chauncey Billups is fresh off his new five year contract and he wants to prove that he is better than his FIBA Olympic Qualifying performance showed. The Pistons finally have realized that youth is the new key to success and have infused two rookies into their rotation. Rodney Stuckey might be the steal of the draft and he will come in to spell Billups during the season.

Southeast Division:

Miami Heat – Pat Riley worked his magic again by stealing Ricky Davis away from the Timberwolves. He got rid of a player who he deemed was out of shape and received a slashing scorer in return. Shaq is back in shape and will look to reestablish himself as the premier center in the league.

With D-Wade out for the first month of the season, Shaq and Davis will take over on the offensive end and Udonis Haslem will continue to be a rebounding machine. Jason Williams looked good in the preseason and if he can reduce his number of turnovers, then the team will be in good hands. Alonzo Mourning declared this to be his final season with the intent of leaving on top.

Western Conference

Northwest Division:

Denver Nuggets – This is the dark horse candidate to reach the NBA Finals from this conference. Allen Iverson and Carmelo Anthony finished last season on a tear before running into the Spurs in the first round. Iverson is still one of the best scorers in the league. Carmelo has become an MVP candidate after his dominating performance during the Olympic Qualifiers and he has finally learned that he needs to go to the basket more instead of shooting jumpers.

Kenyon Martin is back in the mix, bringing more defense to the team. Whether he comes off the bench or starts will not really make a difference because Nene has become an offensive force. Nene outplayed Tim Duncan for stretches during their matchup last year and will look to stay in the fold.

Pacific Division:

Phoenix Suns – Steve Nash is getting older making this season possibly the last shot for the Suns to show that a frenetic offensive pace can win in the NBA. Shawn Marion demanded a trade request, but there is no way they will give him away for nothing. He continually puts up numbers that make him pretty much untradeable. He runs the floor with Nash, guards the opponent's best player, and can make a jump shot when left open.

Amare Stoudemire will continue to progress with defense as his new priority. With a money-pinching owner in Robert Sarver, the Suns were only able to add one key free agent, Grant Hill, but the Suns have their eyes on the prize.

Southwest Division:

San Antonio Spurs – They will look to repeat for the first time during their current dynasty. All of their key players are back and Tim Duncan signed an extension to keep the core together for seasons to come. Tony Parker is the best guard at dribbling into the lane and lofting up tear shots. Manu Ginobili is the crafty veteran who always seems to be in the middle of something and Michael Finley returns after an emotional year capped off with his first title.

Defense is the key ingredient for this team's success, but their offense is also great. They can play as fast as the Suns, slow it down to play with the Heat, or play a little bit of a mix when they face the Mavericks. This division is the most difficult in the NBA with Dallas and Houston not far behind the Spurs.

East Conference Champion

Boston Celtics - The new big three will learn to play to their strengths and help bring Boston back into the postseason. All three have been to the Conference Finals only once without ever getting to the Finals. This drought will end, as Doc Rivers finally shows why he deserved that contract extension he just received.

West Conference Champion

Phoenix Suns - This could be the last chance for the Suns to win it all and they will do their best not to disappoint. Coming off a heartbreaking defeat last year, they are out for revenge.

Football Team Looks to Rebound against Middlebury

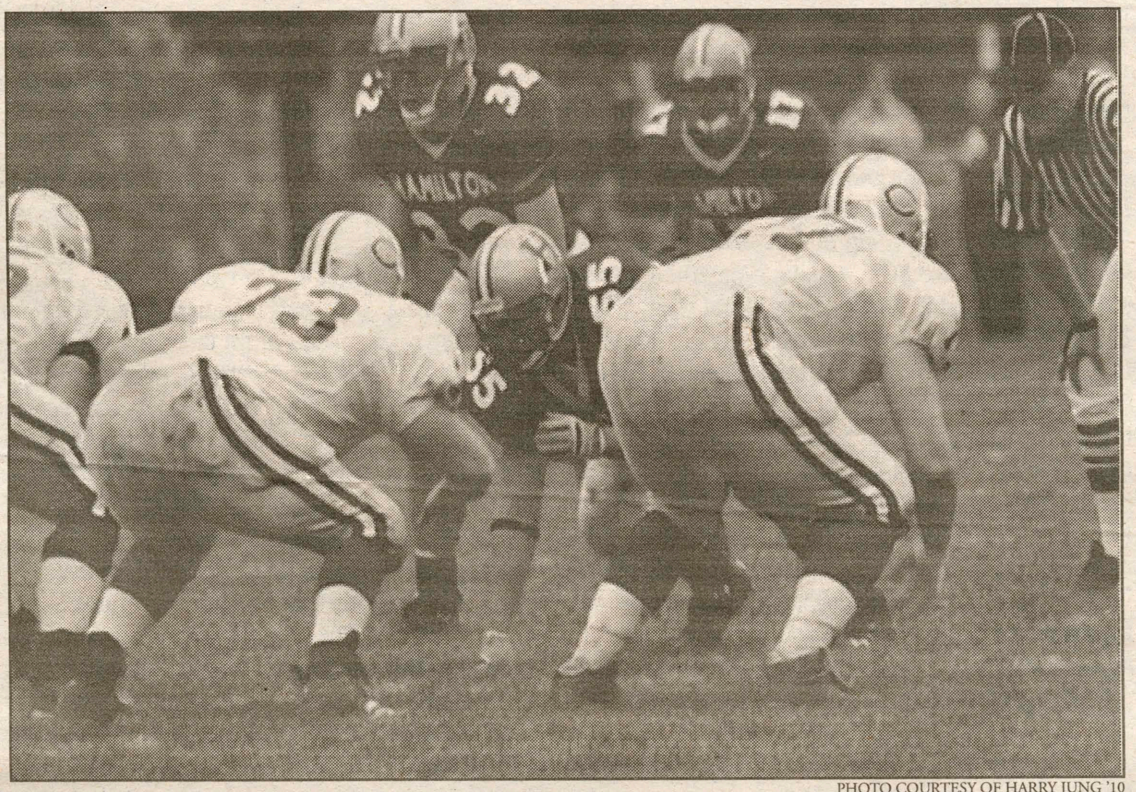
By Tim Eismeier '10
Sports Writer

Despite coming into last Saturday's game on the strength of a two game winning streak, the Continentals proved to be no match for the high powered offense of Williams College. Williams's offense ranks second in the NESCAC in scoring (30.5 points per game) and first in total offense (429.8 yards per game). They put up similar numbers on Saturday: Williams outscored Hamilton 34 to 9 on the strength of 202 net rushing yards and 223 net passing yards.

Hamilton had not given up more than 82 net rushing yards in a single game this season up until last week's game. Then again, they had not yet faced running back Brian Morrissey, a junior at Williams, who leads the NESCAC in both rushing yards (696) and touchdowns (11).

On Saturday, Morrissey ran for 162 yards on 31 attempts and scored three touchdowns on the ground. Junior Ryan Powell, the NESCAC leader in both receptions and receiving yards, had five receptions for 101 yards.

For the first time this season, Hamilton's offense did not score a touchdown. Dan Hood '08 took most of the snaps at quarterback throwing for 186 yards and an interception. Mark Snickenberger '11 led Hamilton's ground attack with 41 yards on 11 rushing attempts. Frasher Kempe '08 led Hamilton's receivers with 67 yards on five catches. The main highlight for the Continentals was senior Claudius Zorokong's 83-yard kick return in the third quarter.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Trevor Pedrick '09, Matt Pitaressi '08, and Harry Jung '10 line up to stop the run.

A number of Hamilton players have put up considerable statistics this season and rank among the top players in the NESCAC. Mark Snickenberger is eighth in the NESCAC in total rushing yards, and Dan Hood ranks eighth in passing yards per game. Wide receiver Max Foster '10 ranks fifth in the conference in receiving yards per game. On the defensive side of the ball, Matt Pitaressi '08 is tied for fourth in the conference with four interceptions, and John Lawrence '10 is tied for sixth with three picks.

As a group, however, Hamilton's defense has yet to find consistency. After two strong performances against Bowdoin and Colby, in which the Continentals allowed 260 and 169 total yards respectively, last Saturday Hamilton reverted back to the form it displayed earlier in the season. Even the strength of the defense, which had been Hamilton's run defense, appeared vulnerable agai nst Williams.

Still, the Hamilton defense currently ranks fifth in the NESCAC in total defense. Coincidentally, the Continentals' offense also ranks fifth in the NESCAC in total offense.

Head Coach StevenStetson will have his hands full this week in preparing for Hamilton's nex opponent. The Continentals will face a tough challenge going up against Middlebury. The Panthers currently lead the NESCAC with a 5-1 record, and they are very strong on both sides of the ball.

Men's Tennis Season Ends
Three Wins at Lehigh Invitational

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The Men's Tennis Team participated in one tournament and saw some success. They went to Lehigh University to participate in the Lehigh Invitational on October 12-14 and came away with wins in both singles and doubles play.

Hamilton took on Lehigh in its opening singles match and came away with three wins against the Division I school. Greg Keitzer '11 continued to play well against more experienced players, winning one match and losing one match during the tournament.

Jared Solomon '08 easily moved past his first opponent to collect the team's second win against Lehigh. Mark Segal '09 played in the fourth singles spot and also finished the tournament with a win. After taking on Lehigh, the Continentals had to face another Division I school in Monmouth University.

Unfortunately the team did not see the same success it had earned in the first match and lost all six of the games in this match. However, Peter Erwin '11 and Jared Friedberg '09 each forced a tiebreaker and pushed their games as far as they could before they both ended up losing. In doubles play, Hamilton was able to capture a victory against Mount St. Mary's as Erwin and Mike Moreno '11 won 4-2 to improve to 1-1 on the season in doubles play. Solomon and Friedberg came up short in their two matches, but they were going up against the opposing teams' top doubles pair in each game.

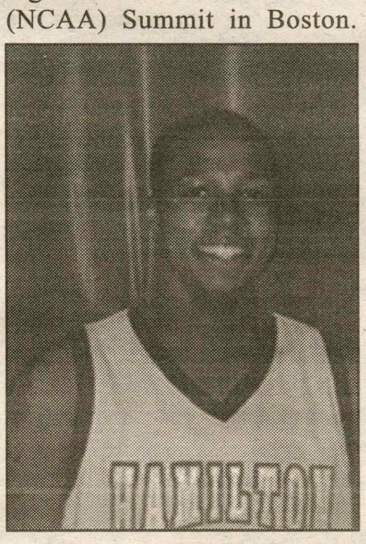
The newcomers to the squad this year played extremely well during their first collegiate season. With most of the team just trying to get their feet wet in competition, the few upperclassmen on the team had to step up as leaders and maintain a winning attitude. During the spring season we can expect better results because the team is much better than their record indicates.

They will take on NESCAC opponents in the spring and have a chance to win against many of their conference rivals. The Continentals failed to make it into the NESCAC Championship Tournament last year, but with the new energy that has been brought in with the new players, Hamilton has a good shot at earning a spot in the tournament. Luckily, the team will not have to face last year's winner in Middlebury College unless they match up in the conference tournament. They will go up against less accomplished foes from the conference during the regular season.

Hamilton Students Attend NCAA Summit
Three Team Captains Sent to Boston

by Alex Ebling '10
Sports Writer

A few weekends ago, three Hamilton College sports captains attended a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Summit in Boston.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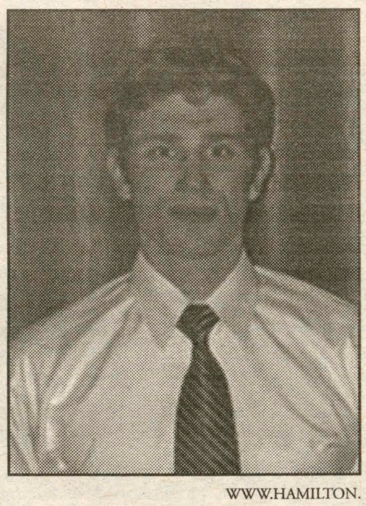
Harlee Wood '09

At this summit, Alex Augustyn '10, captain of the Hamilton Baseball Team, Tara Eckberg '08, captain of the Hamilton Women's Lacrosse Team, and Harlee Wood '09, captain of the Hamilton Men's Basketball Team, all learned valuable lessons in teamwork and leadership. They also met fellow student-athletes who shared experiences about their sports teams and the way they lead by example.

Augustyn found that attending the summit provided him with new ideas and strategies on how to be a good leader, and it showed him what the most important aspects of a leader are. According to Augustyn, "there are different ways to be a good leader…but the most effective leaders always lead by example." Augustyn's point can be seen in the recent 2007 World Champion Boston Red Sox; their leader is their captain, Jason Varitek. He is not the most vocal of the players, but he leads by example.

Additionally at the summit, Hamilton's three captains met fellow student-athletes from other Division III and NESCAC schools. Augustyn thought the experience was extremely beneficial, saying he "met fine student-athletes" who helped him recognize different strategies for being a successful leader.

Lastly, Augustyn explained how he was going to apply the points he learned at the summit to the baseball team this year. He knows it is his job to lead the baseball team to what he hopes is a successful season this spring. Augustyn wants to show his teammates "the right way to be a student-athlete, [to] play the game seriously, [to] have fun, [and to] show up early to and stay late at practices." It is also important to be able to "manage your schoolwork and activities appropriately, [and to] encourage others." Only time will tell how successful the summit is for Hamilton's student-athletes, but all in all they feel it was a good experience to learn and grow.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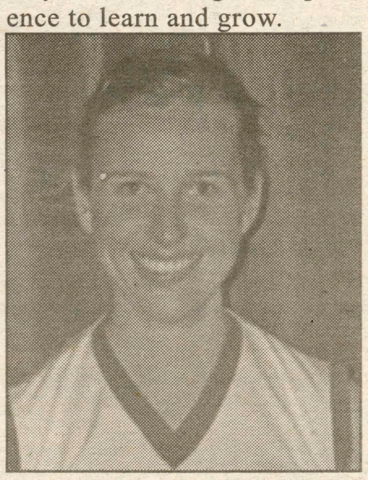
Alex Augustyn '10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Tara Eckberg '08

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SPECTATOR SPORTS

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Women's Tennis Team Made Quarterfinals at NYSWCAA

Deborah Barany '11 Became the State Champion in the Second Singles Bracket

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The fall tennis season ended for the women's squad in impressive fashion. One player ended up winning the state championship, and success was within reach for many of the other members of each squad. The women competed in two tournaments over the past few weeks.

Prior to participating in the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championships on October 19, the Lady Continentals played in a tune up in the Lehigh Invitational. Kara Powers '08 continued to show why she is one of the team's leaders when she stepped up and won against the number one player from Lehigh.

Deborah Barany '11 competed in the number two singles slot and won in convincing fashion 6-3, 6-1. Ashley Pardoe '09 also came away a winner in a thriller. She lost the first set, but battled back to force a tiebreaking third set. However, Liz Goheen '09 was not as fortunate. She took control of her match by winning the first set, but she ended up losing the next two sets, finishing her fall season with a 1-1 record in singles play.

In doubles play, the Continentals cam away victorious three more times against Lehigh and Farleigh Dickinson. Kara and Marni Powers '08 won against Lehigh and continued to move up in the school rankings for best doubles partners in school history. Laura Brantley '10 and Pardoe competed together for the seventh time this season and won 8-4 against Lehigh. Despite not seeing much success early on in the tournament, Beth McDonald '09 and Mary Wilder '10 came together to earn an 8-5 victory over Farleigh Dickinson. This tournament gave the team a great opportunity to go up against experienced teams and practice before the big championship weekend.

The team followed this tournament up with a tremendous weekend at the NYSWCAA Championships. Out of the 16 teams to compete, Hamilton came in fourth place, losing only to Vassar, Skidmore, and New York University. The Lady Continentals started the tournament off without losing in any of its first nine matches.

The top seed in singles play went to Kara Powers, and she lived up to the billing by winning in a decisive fashion in the first round. However, she was unable to get past the number one seed and eventual winner in the bracket during the quarterfinal round, ending her chance to win the trophy.

In the second team slot, Barany turned in the most impressive performance of the season for Hamilton. She earned the right to be the top seed in the bracket and did not disappoint. She only struggled during one set throughout the tournament on her way to winning the second slot championship title. On her journey to the title, she defeated the number three and four seeds in the bracket as well as two other competitors.

Brantley competed in the third slot for the Continentals and went on to win her first match, but ended up getting defeated by the number three seed in her bracket during the quarterfinal round. Marni Powers was the team's fourth singles player and had to fight to win her first round match. However, like her twin sister, she had to face the top seed in her bracket during the quarterfinal round, and she fell in defeat to the eventual champion.

Pardoe stood in as Hamilton's representative in the fifth singles slot and won in the most exciting match of the first round 6-4, 7-5. She competed so hard during this round that when she started her quarterfinal match, it appeared that she was being outplayed. However, she made a nice attempt to comeback and forced a tiebreaker in the second set before losing to the champion in her bracket. The final singles player for Hamilton was McDonald. She was playing in only her third singles match of the season, but she easily won in the first round. Her play was impressive, but she came up short in her quarterfinal match to the number four seed in the bracket.

During doubles play, the Continentals remained unbeaten in the first round, with the Powers twins leading the way. They took on the first singles slot bracket, but they again ended up losing to the number one seed in the bracket during the quarterfinal round. Brantley and Pardoe won by four points in their first round matchup, but lost to the number one bracket seed later on in the tournament. McDonald and Wilder received the best draw of all of the doubles teams and came out on fire during their first round win. Yet they could not overcome their second round opponent and ended the fall season with three wins and four losses as partners.

During the fall season, the team won many victories and was able to gain much needed experience and develop chemistry that will allow them to take the court during the spring with more confidence. The freshmen players have taken on important roles, and they will only get better. With the upperclassmen leading the way, the Continentals have a good shot at performing well again in the spring season.

Exiles Rugby Host State Championship Tomorrow

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The Men's Rugby Team defeated University of Buffalo's Division III squad 18-0, in their closest match of the year. Still undefeated, the Exiles have yet to have a try scored against them. Niagra failed to beat Clarkson by more than 31, therefore Hamilton will host the Division III State Championship game. Come out to cheer your Exiles to their second consecutive state championship victory this Saturday at 1 p.m. on Minor Field.

This Weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 11/2:

Soccer (W) v. Union
Soccer (M) v. Union

Saturday 11/2

Cross Country (M) @ NYSCTC Championships
Cross Country (W) @ NYSCTC Championships
Football @ Middlebury
Rugby (M) v. Niagra

Go Blue!